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Dear Fellow Pioneers:

Little did Betty and I realize that morning around the kitchen table that our proposed organization would touch the lives of so many people. HCPD has about 100 paid members, with another 100+ who have expressed an interest in the organization. From our correspondence we know that the members have been exchanging lots of information and hopefully, everyone's family tree is growing.

The cleaning of the Morrison or Old Hacker Cemetery was lots of fun; those of you who subscribe to "The Hillbilly" will have seen the article they published about the project in the January 1 issue. Thanks! Harry Lynch and members of your staff. For those of you who do not subscribe or have the opportunity to pick it up at your news stand, the article is being reprinted in this issue.

We've had several offers of help and we appreciate them. In time, each of you will be "taken up" on your offer. To those of you who have had suggestions for improving the organization and the Journal, thanks too.

I have received so many "goodies" from our members that it was impossible to use them all in this first big issue. However, you can be assured that in time they will all be used. As it is, this issue is several pages longer than originally budgeted; and we hope you enjoy every page of it. I have tried to include items that will be of help to all researchers of early Hacker's Creek and Lewis County as well as a few humorous items.

Now that the New Year has arrived and the 1983 calendar is in use, take time to circle the weekend of October 1-2 for the Second Annual Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants Gathering. Look for information on it in the next issue.

Best wishes for a Happy and Prosperous 1983!

Cordially,



Joy L. Gilchrist, HDP  
HCPD

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Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants Gathering was organized by and for those interested in the history and genealogy of the Hacker's Creek area. THE HACKER'S CREEK JOURNAL is published quarterly and is the newsletter of the organization.

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THANK YOU

Ruth Knight of Erbacon, W. Va., sends her thanks to the person who returned her copy of Historical Records of Webster County which she lost at the gathering in October.

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ERRATA

Now I know that you really pay attention to what is printed in The Journal; I received four phone calls and half-a-dozen letters telling me that Peter Waggoner was not buried at Morrison Cemetery. My apologies for the typo (I had it correct on my rough draft). His half-brother John Waggoner is buried at Morrison; Peter is at Harmony. For a complete listing of the marked graves at Morrison, see page 43.

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PROGRAMS

The programs (Vol. I, Issue 1 of the Journal) from the October 1983 Gathering of the Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants have been reprinted. If you have ordered a copy and not received it, please notify Joy. There are also a few copies which may be purchased by sending \$2.50 to her.

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INDEXER FOUND

Several of you volunteered to index The Journal; the first in line were Winnifred Brown Scott and her daughter of Harrisville, W. Va. I gladly accepted their offer.

Winnifred has been gathering family records for over 30 years and knows her genealogy. To quote her, "I don't like house cleaning and cooking; I can't sew, knit or tat; but I can, with great patience, sit - stand - climb ladders in a courthouse - pour over records - climb mountains and hills looking for old graveyards - visit people - drive miles up a hollow in a Jeep - and often find a missing link. Whatever I find, I am always happy to share it with others."

Thanks, Winnifred, for sharing your time and efforts as the "Official Indexer of Volume I of The Hacker's Creek Journal."

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FILES FOR HCPD

Several of you have commented in your letters that HCPD meant heavier loads for Betty's and Joy's mailmen and space in our homes for the records. How right you were! We bribed our mailmen with cookies and candy at Christmastime and purchased a set of three file boxes for the correspondence and other records of the organization. The mailmen appreciated

the goodies and Joy can find the top of her desk.

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#### MEMBERSHIP

\$12 per year for single membership and \$17 per year for joint membership. Members will receive four issues per year of The Hacker's Creek Journal; joint members will receive four issues per year per couple. Members are entitled to one free query per issue. Send dues to Mrs. N. T. Graybill, 2418 Broad Ave., N. W., Canton, Oh. 216 452-8381

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#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Congratulations to Joseph Franklin Straley who celebrated his 104th birthday 28 November 1982. He is the oldest living Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendant.

Joe was born in Milan, Missouri, the only son and youngest child of William Edgar and Esabell (Belt) Straley. His father was a school teacher there and his mother was a native of the state. Esabelle Straley died in December 1880 in Milan of typhoid when Joe was two and his sisters, Olive Augusta and Delphia Virginia, were six and four years of age respectively. At her death, William brought the three children back to Hacker's Creek. Perhaps it was a portent of things to come because, when William died in August of the following year (1881), the children were among friends and family. Joe and his sisters were placed under the guardianship of George W. Waggoner.

William Edgar Straley was b. 16 Feb 1844 in Lewis County, W. Va., the third child of Jacob and Catherine Ann (Freeman) Straley; Jacob (1816-1886) Straley was a son of George Straley (1770-1846) and his first wife, the former Elizabeth Bonnett; and George Straley was the eldest son of Revolutionary War Soldier Christian Straley and his spouse, Christina Lantz.

In 1902 Joe Straley married Icie Elizabeth Stout; they were the parents of four sons: Roy Eustice who died in 1912, George Stillman who died in 1956, and Worthy and Ralph who both reside in the Jane Lew area. Icie died in 1959.

Joe is a resident of Potomac House in Jane Lew and is famous for his readings which he still recites for groups visiting the home.

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#### CONTRIBUTION TO THE JOURNAL

Members are invited to contribute articles for publication in the Journal. Articles should pertain to Hacker's Creek or it's descendants - including those who went to Ohio, Indiana and points further West.

## FIRST FAMILIES

The featured family this issue is that of David and Lydia (Ball) Smith. Most of the material on this family was gathered and submitted by Robert B. Smith, Rt. 1 Box 52 C, Lost Creek, W. Va. 26385. Other researchers who have contributed to this material include: Mrs. Hiram W. (Evelyn Smith) Lynch, 400 W. Main Rd., Conneaut, Oh 44030; Howard Smith, PO Box 327, Philippi, W. Va. 26416; Harold E. Smith, 1701 Jefferson, Kerrville, Tx 78028; Mrs. Charles H. (Joy Gregoire) Gilchrist, 2863 Farmington Circle SW, Canton, Oh 44706; Howard T. Bonnett, 314 E. Glenwood Rd., Lake Forest, Il 60045; and Larry Smith, Rt 1, Lost Creek, W. Va. 26385

### The Ancestry of David and Lydia (Ball) Smith Sr.

Considerable research by J. W. Smith (dec.), the former Hacker-Smith Family Historian, and by Robert B. Smith, indicate that the parents of David Smith Sr., Hacker's Creek Pioneer, were Captain (later Colonel) John Smith of present-day Augusta County, Va., and the former Margaret Harrington/Schoonhester.

According to an article in a 1977 issue of the Augusta County Historical Society publication by Gordon Aronhime, Capt. Smith was born in 1701 - perhaps in England. However, for a time, Capt. Smith and his family lived in Ireland and sailed from there for America landing in Philadelphia.

By the time Capt. Smith and Margaret arrived in the Shenandoah Valley ca 1738 they had five sons: Abraham, b. 1722 in Ulster, Ireland; Daniel, b. 1724 in Ulster, Ireland; Henry, b. 1727 in Camay; John Jr., b. 1730 in Chester County, Pa.; and Joseph, b. 1734 in Chester County, Pa. Sometime before 1741 another son, probably Patrick, was born. In Augusta County, Va. proper, three more children were born and they were baptized at the Tinkling Spring Church - David on 19 July 1741, Jonathan on 22 July 1744, and Louvisa or Louisa, the only daughter apparently, on 6 Oct 1745. Their last child, James, was born after the Smiths moved to what is now Botetourt County not long after the birth of their daughter.\*

While proof is not yet totally conclusive that the son David b. 19 July 1741 is David Smith, Sr., early pioneer of Hacker's Creek, there are several related facts that point in this direction.

The Smith family resided in the same general area as did the Hacker and Hughes families. (On 1 January 1746, John Smith gave a note to Patrick Dowell for 1 pound which he promised to pay on order or demand to William Hughes and, in due time, the claim was presented.\*\*) Question: Is the same William Hughes who was the father of the great Indian Scouts and early Hacker's Creek pioneers, Jesse and Elias Hughes?

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\*"Colonel John Smith (1701-1783) Unsung Hero of Virginia Colonial Frontier", Augusta County Historical Society - 1977.  
\*\*Ibid.

A David Smith was listed in the Illinois Regiment under General George Rogers Clark. He is shown as a Private with three years service and entitled to land, although he is also shown as among those who did not claim their land. He is shown as answering to a Muster Roll along with John Hacker at Kaskaskia in 1782.\* These two were undoubtedly closely associated during the later parts of the Revolution and the families had most likely known one another on the South Branch.

J.W. Smith found that a David Smith was listed in Virginia as among those who, in 1777, renounced allegiance to Great Britain.

A further indicator that this David (b. 1741) was a son of Capt. John comes from Hu Maxwell's History of Barbour County, West Virginia. In speaking of Levi J.B. Smith, who married Bersheba Talbott in 1872, Maxwell says that "Levi's father was John Smith who was born in 1796", and states that John's "grandfather was also named John". Maxwell was doubtless referring to Levi's great-grandfather, for Levi's grandfather was David Smith, Sr., and his father was the Rev. John Smith. Much of Maxwell's information came from those who were living and many of whom knew the early pioneers.

Court records exist that prove that David Smith Sr. did indeed marry Lydia Ball in New Jersey; however, this does not prove that David Smith, Sr., was born in New Jersey as stated by William Hacker in his manuscript. Lydia was the daughter of Caleb Ball of New Jersey and she is named in his will; in Shaw's history of Essex and Hudson Counties, New Jersey, Lydia is shown as married to David Smith.\*\*

The Balls of New Jersey and the Balls of Virginia were related, and it is certainly possible that they visited each other. In this way David Smith could have met Lydia Ball in Virginia. It is also possible that he may have been living with or near her parents in New Jersey, prior to the Revolution; and, after their marriage and when the Revolution became imminent, he sent or brought her to Virginia, renounced his allegiance, as stated, and joined the Militia and was sent to New Jersey, where he fought with the Jersey Blues until 1778 when he came to Virginia and became associated with those who took part in the Illinois campaign under General Clark.\*\*\*

The Hacker Manuscripts state that Gabriel Wright came to Rockingham County, Virginia (was Augusta County until 1777), with his brother-in-law David Smith in the spring of 1778. Gabriel's wife was Deborah Ball, sister to Lydia. It is likely that David was returning to the home of his parents and brought Gabriel and Deborah along.

Why did David leave Augusta/Rockingham County and move to Hacker's Creek? To answer this question requires a few more details about the life of Capt. John Smith.

\*Ancestry of the Hacker-Smith Families, address delivered by J.W. Smith, 5 Aug. 1956., Gordon Aronhime.

\*\*Ibid.

\*\*\*Ibid.

Capt. Smith took up large tracts of land in the Shenandoah Valley and became a very prominent and influential citizen. In 1755 he was appointed by Gov. Dinwiddie to command a company of rangers to help protect the frontier during the French and Indian War. He was instrumental in the building of a chain of forts along the Virginia Frontier - among them Fort Vause near the head of the James River.

The sacrifices made by the Smiths during this war have led one writer to call Capt. Smith the "Robert Morris of the Frontier" for his patriotism. In March 1756 their son Patrick (?) was killed by the Indians while campaigning on the New River. In June 1756, Capt. Smith, with a garrison of only eight or ten men and the Vause family were at Ft. Vause when it was attacked by a large number of Indians. The fort was burned and everyone there was either killed or captured. John Smith Jr., a lieutenant in his father's company, was brutally murdered before his father's eyes; Joseph Smith, a soldier in the company, was taken into captivity and later died; Capt. Smith was wounded, taken prisoner, carried to Detroit, thence down the St. Lawrence to Frontenac, where he was put on board a Cartel ship and carried to England from when he returned home to Augusta County about two years later.

Capt. Smith was promoted to Colonel for his service and continued to give information and assistance. During the 1760's he commanded a company first forted temporarily at Fort Lewis and then permanently garrisoned at Fort Frederick at Dunkard's Bottom on the New River. It was as a result of his service at Ft. Frederick that he was sent to prison for the nonpayment of debt in 1765. His troops needed supplies and clothing and he purchased both. When his cash was exhausted, he used his own credit to supply all that was needed rather than see his soldiers suffer. He was never reimbursed and was unable to pay the debt - for which he was sued and imprisoned.

Through 1770 John Smith continued to be plagued by debts. From there to the end of his life we only know that he tried to volunteer for service in the Revolution, but they refused to take him due to his age and condition of health. In 1775 he was exempted from paying to the County (Botetourt) for the future. He died at "Smithlands", the family home which still stands just north of Harrisonburg, Va., between October 1782 and 13 March 1783.

Colonel Smith wrote his will on 26 April 1779. Except for providing for his wife, Margaret, during the remainder of her life, he left everything to his son, James, the youngest child.

Of the nine sons, three - Joseph, Patrick (?), and John - were killed by the Indians in 1756; Daniel became prominent in Rockingham County and Abraham a leading citizen in Botetourt-Augusta. Henry disappeared from the records before his father's death; Jonathan was a little better off financially than David; and Louvisa married Rees Bowen and lived her life at Maiden Spring in Tazewell County.\*

David Smith appears to be the least consequential of the

\*op.cit., Aronhime.

nine; perhaps in this and the fact that he was not mentioned in his father's will and that he was needing to make his way - at age 42 he evidently came to Hacker's Creek and brought his family with him. In addition, he may have had a little of the wanderlust in his blood for, as will be shown, he remained at Hacker's Creek no more than thirteen years before again heading into the wilderness.

"George Arnold entered claim for 390 acres of land on Hacker's Creek 12 February 1787, between the lands of William Louther (Lowther), Samuel Bonnet(t), Alexander Sleeth, and Jesse Hughes. These were just below the land entered by John Hacker. George Arnold assigned 320 acres of this land to David Wolfe and 70 acres to David Smith. Survey of the 70 acres was made for David Smith on 3 May 1787. This 70 acres cornered on the lands of Alexander Sleeth and joined the lands of Samuel Bonnett and William Louther. David, and at least part of his family, lived there until 1805, when a party was formed for settlement in Ohio, and David,"\* together with two of his daughters and their husbands (Alexander and Ann Smith Sleeth and John and Susannah Smith Hacker), joined this party and went, first to Chilicothe, and then to the Lattman Plains, and settled near where the town of Fairborn now stands.

Lydia died ca 1815 according to the Hacker Manuscripts "a hopeless invalid" and was buried in an unmarked grave in a small cemetery 1/2 mile from Fairborn.

William Hacker reported in his manuscripts that David Smith, Sr., remarried after the death of Lydia; that statement is supported by the signature of his wife, Sarah Smith, in 1820 on the deed in which David Sr. deeded the 70 acres on Hacker's Creek to his son, David Smith, Jr. A copy of that deed appears on page 18. Record of this second marriage has not yet been found, but it is hoped that research in southwestern Ohio will reveal a marriage date and his second wife's maiden name.

David Smith, Sr., is said to have lived for a time in Ohio and sometime after 1820 went to Indiana where he lived with the children of his daughter and son-in-law, Ann and Alexander Sleeth. It is believed that the second wife remained in Ohio. David died in Indiana in December 1835 and is buried in an unmarked grave in the old cemetery in Marion, Indiana.

*Twp. Shelby Co.,*

Joy L. Gilchrist  
14 January 1982

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\*op.cit., Smith.

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Filed to Grant July 27 1833

This Indenture made the second day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty between David Smith and Sarah his wife of Green County and State of Ohio of the one part and David Smith Jr of the County of Lewis and State of Virginia of the other part Witnesseth that they the said David Smith and Sarah his wife for and in consideration of the sum of two hundred dollars to them in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have bargained sold aliened conveyed and confirmed and by these presents do grant bargain sell confirm and give unto the said David Smith Jr his heirs and assigns forever a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Lewis and State of Virginia situate on the waters of Backers Creek and bounded as follows (to wit) Beginning at a poplar corner to Lands surveyed for Alex Smith Samuel Preator and David Wolf and running thence S 65 W 16 poles to two black oaks thence S 35 W 18 poles to a line of Samuel Bonnetts thence by the same N 37 W 16 poles to a black thence N 84 E 110 poles to a stake thence S 85 E 114 poles to the Beginning containing seventy acres together with all waters water courses and commodities thereto belonging and they the said David Smith and Sarah his wife doth by these presents convey unto the said David Smith Jr his heirs and assigns forever all the above described tract or parcel of land and they the said David Smith and Sarah his wife and their heirs doth covenant with the

said David Smith Jr his heirs and assigns that they the said David Smith and Sarah his wife will forever warrant and defend the above described tract or parcel of land unto the said David Smith Jr against all and every persons persons whatsoever in witness whereof we the said David Smith and Sarah his wife have hereunto set our hands and seals the day and Year above written

Signed sealed and acknowledged in presence of  
Edw Hopford  
Samuel Harris  
Virginia

David Smith Seal  
Sarah Smith Seal

Lewis County Court Clerks Office 2<sup>d</sup> February 1833  
This deed of Bargain and Sale from David Smith and Sarah his wife to David Smith Jr was presented in said office acknowledged by the said David Smith and admitted to Record  
Leta H. Stringer C. L. C.

FAMILY GROUP No.		Husband's Full Name David SMITH Sr.						
This Information Obtained From		Birth	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country
		Birth	19	JUL	1741	Tinkling Spring Church,	Augusta Co.,	Va.
		Chr'sm						
		Mar.	1762	66				N.J.
		Death	1835			Marion	Grant Sh/Ly	Ind.
		Burial				Marion	Grant Sh/Ly	Ind.
		Places of Residence	New Jersey, Va., W. Va., Oh., Ind.					
		Occupation	Church Affiliation					
		Her Father	Capt./Col. John Smith					
		Mother's Maiden Name	Margaret Harrington/Schoonhester					
		Wife's Full Maiden Name	Lydia BALL					
		Birth	ca	1745				N.J.
		Chr'sm						
		Death	1815			Fairborn Greene		OH.
		Burial				Old Cemetery 1/2 mi. from Fairborn		
		Places of Residence	New Jersey, Va., W. Va., Oh.					
		Occupation if other than Housewife	Church Affiliation					
		Her Father	Caleb Ball					
		Mother's Maiden Name						
Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arabic in order of birth)	Children's Sex	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country
F	1 Ann (Nancy)	Birth	ca	1764				
	Full Name of Spouse	Mar.	1781	82				
	Alexander Sleeth	Death	25	Nov	1834	Marion	Grant Sh/Ly	Ind.
		Burial						
M	2 David Jr.	Birth	29	Oct	1773			Va.
	Full Name of Spouse	Mar.	5	Jan	1796	29 Mar 1796*		
	Sarah Hacker	Death	7	Nov	1865	Hacker's Creek Lewis		W. Va.
		Burial				Morrison Cemetery, Hacker's Creek		
F	3 Susanna	Birth	18	Sept	1778	South Branch/Potomac(?)		Va.
	Full Name of Spouse	Mar.	29	Mar	1796	Harrison (Lewis) (W.)		Va.
	John Hacker (II)	Death	21	Feb	1816	Montgomery		Oh.
		Burial				2 Miles West of Mad River, Mont.Co.,		OH
M	4 Caleb	Birth						
	Full Name of Spouse	Mar.	7	May	1792	Harrison (Lewis) (W.)		Va.
	Elizabeth Hardman	Death	13	Aug	1851			
		Burial						
F	5 Abigail	Birth						
	Full Name of Spouse	Mar.			1788			
	George Collins	Death						
		Burial						
F	6 Comfort	Birth						
	Full Name of Spouse	Mar.	27	Mar	1804	Harrison (Lewis) (W.)		Va.
	Absolem McNeel	Death						
		Burial						

\*Two records of this marriage have been found. The first is found in the Harrison County Court records in Clarksburg; the second is recorded in the Randolph County records in Elkins with Joseph Cheuvront as the clergyman.

Alexander Sleeth was b. 20 Aug 1750, s/o John and Mary Ann (Wallace?) Sleeth. Alexander was first married to a Mrs. Montgomery.

Sarah Hacker Smith was a d/o John and Margaret (Sleeth) Hacker. She was b. 24 Apr 1775 at Bushes Fort (Buckhannon) (W.)Va. Her nickname was "Sally".

Elizabeth Hardman Smith was the d/o Peter and Charlotte Hardman. Her brothers, Peter and Henry, were married to Sarah Hacker Smith's sisters, Margaret and Elizabeth.

The Influence of David Smith on the Christian  
Life of the Lewis County Population Thru  
Himself and His Descendants

The first church building erected in present Lewis County was the Harmony Methodist Episcopal Church built in 1819 for the society which had formed in 1786 at the home of John Hacker. This structure, pictured below, stood on a slight rise above the mouth of Jesse's Run on Hacker's Creek and was a pretentious structure of hand hewn logs with a gallery. From this church went out later a number of prominent ministers, one of whom was Rev. David Smith of which it has been said that he was involved with the organization of other societies and made class leaders out of mob leaders. David Smith, Sr., was undoubtedly a member of this early society since he and John Hacker were very close friends. I believe that the Rev. David Smith, here mentioned, is David Smith, Jr., the son-in-law of John Hacker, as David Smith, Sr., and John Hacker II had gone west into Ohio and Indiana in the early years of 1800. David Smith, Sr., having been to Kaskaskia during the Revolution with John Hacker, Sr., in the George Rogers Clark expedition to the Indian towns, would have been familiar with the territory. David Smith, Sr., probably never returned to Virginia since his Hacker's Creek Farm was deeded to his son David Jr. His wife Lydia died in 1815 and was buried in Fairborn, Ohio. David removed further west with his other children to Indiana Territory where he died in 1835 and is buried near Marion, (Shelby Co.) Indiana.



OLD HARMONY CHURCH

David Smith, Jr., John Hacker and Henry Bonnett represented Harmony Methodist Episcopal Church in a General Conference at Pittsburgh in 1828. It must be noted that Abraham Smith of Pruntytown was also present. The John Hacker mentioned here must have been Johnathan Hacker since John Hacker Sr. died in 1824 and John Hacker II had removed to Ohio where his wife Susannah (Smith) Hacker died in 1816. He married again and removed to Indiana where he died in 1834. Henry Bonnett was a son-in-law of David Smith Jr. by right of having married David Jr.'s daughter, Sarah, in 1822.

The General Conference in Pittsburgh was called because

of a demand for reforms in the Methodist Episcopal Church. The membership of Harmony Church were striving for "Mutual Rights" in ecclesiastical government to guarantee American Methodist Christians the same democratic rights of self-government in the church that was guaranteed them in the state by the struggle of the American Revolution and the constitution of the United States.

The first step in the reform was the organization of union societies called "Associated Methodists" whose delegates met at Baltimore, Md., 12 Nov 1828 to adopt "Articles of Associations" to form a New church embodying the principles for which they had so long contended and suffered. Among the charter members of the reformed Harmony Church were Rev. John Mitchell and family, David H. Smith and wife, Alkires, Straleys, Wimers, Belts, Listers, Sims, Means, Waggoners and Duvalls. It must be noted here that David Smith Jr. and wife, Hackers, Bonnetts, Watsons, etc., are not mentioned as charter members of the Reformed Harmony Church but as stated before, there were many societies formed, the second of which was formed as "Forks of Hackers Creek Church" in the Spring of 1830.

Rev. John Mitchell possibly formed the "Forks of Hackers Creek Church" Society but it cannot be verified. This society elected Rev. John Smith (son of David and Sarah Hacker Smith) as their class leader. The charter members of this class were David Smith and wife Sarah, Henry R. Bonnett and Sarah his wife, John Starcher and wife, Peter Wagoner and wife (Catherine Hardman Hyde), Johnathan (sic) Hacker and wife (Hannah Bennett), George Straley and wife (Margaret Roby, his second wife), J.B. Hacker and wife, Catherine Allman, Matilda Hinzman, Catherine Law, Annie Wagoner, Rev. John T. Hacker and wife (Sarah /Batten/ Hawkins), Rev. Mark Hersman, Ara Batten, Samuel Horner and wife, Elias Bonnett and wife, Lewis Bonnett and wife, James R. Moore and wife, and James W. Watson and wife. This first building must have been of log construction because it is noted that in 1850 a frame church building was erected under the supervision of Rev. George Nestor and the name changed to Hebron Church. This building served the congregation until 1900 when a new building was erected under Rev. A.L. McKeever and the name again changed to Berlin Church to harmonize with the village of Berlin. From this church organization came a number of prominent men associated with David Smith Jr., they being Rev. John Smith (son), Rev. Henry R. Bonnett (son-in-law), Rev. John T. Hacker (nephew), Rev. Elias H. Bonnett (grandson) of whom it was said he was a good man and full of the faith and the Holy Spirit and he being dead yet speaketh, and Rev. David Batten (grandson) probably attended the church in his youth.

About midway between Harmony and Berlin churches the Fairview Church was organized in 1870. Dr. George Nestor dedicated the new building on 18 Aug 1872. Fairview was the home church of Rev. David Batten who was referred to as a devout, sweet-spirited minister and a member of the annual conference. He was licensed to preach in 1876 and was received in this church as a probationer in 1878.

Much of the information for this article is from The Methodist Protestant Church in West Virginia written by Rev. I. A. Barnes, Ph. B., D.D., in 1926. His dedication of the book reads: "Dedication to Methodist Protestants of to-day, and those of to-morrow, who may be interested in knowing whence we came, and why our coming and the roads by which we came, this book is affectionately dedicated."

- Robert B. Smith

Some Interesting Facts About  
The Smith Family

- David Smith Sr. served under George Rogers Clark in the movement against the Indian towns at Kaskaskia.
- David Smith Jr. served in the War of 1812.
- David Hacker Smith (David III) was a Captain and later a Major in regiment he assisted in forming during the Civil War. He was honorably discharged in 1865 at the age of 60.
- Ira Floyd Smith, grandson of David Smith Jr., was a Methodist Protestant missionary in Yokohama, Japan, in the 1890's and is credited with founding the first English-speaking mission night school in Japan.

THE HOME FAMILY

O Polly dear we're growing old,  
Our heads are getting gray;  
We've lived together for many a year,  
But soon must pass away.

Our trials now are almost done,  
Our journey almost past  
We'll soon leave earthly things behind  
And live in Heaven at last.

For more than half a century  
We've traveled side by side;  
Some time we had some pleasure dear,  
Some time a restless tide.

It seems almost but yesterday,  
Since first I sought your love;  
Since first you did consent to be,  
My sweet and harmless dove.

Our children number seventeen,  
Who've journeyed by our side;  
They've been a pleasure to us dear  
But some of them have died.

Allethea died when just a babe,  
Susannah just thirteen;  
They both are laying in their graves  
Beneath the sod so green.

Then Marshall next was took away,  
When he was thirty three  
Was taken by a rebel band,  
A prisoner then was he.

They took him from a pleasant home,  
To Richmond's dismal den;  
And starved him there as they had done,  
A host of other men.

Mary was taken when thirty-five,  
By Jesus good and kind;  
She's gone we trust to Heaven above,  
And left five babies behind.

Thus four have died and left the world  
We soon will do the same;  
The Lord he gave and took away,  
But blessed be his name.

But thirteen children yet alive,  
Still live our age to bless;  
And some are living near us now,  
And some are in the West.

Peter and David they are twins,  
They live close by you know  
They came to us and made us glad,  
Some fifty years ago.

Sarah she lives not far away,  
Charlottie too the same;  
Isaac some forty miles or more  
And with us lives Caroline.

Jane, she has gone to the far West,  
A fortune there to find;  
While Nancy still remains close by,  
With a contented mind.

The next another pair of twins,  
Lydia and John you know  
Lydia is living in the West,  
John talks of going too.

Levi is living with us yet,  
Margaret in Iowa;  
Lewis our babe is twenty two,  
He's with us yet today.

You see they're scattered far and wide,  
Their fortunes for to find  
The query in my mind just now  
Is, will we meet again.

O if we meet no more on earth,  
While o'er this tempest driven;  
May we a family compose,  
Around God's throne in Heaven.

- Written ca 1870, according to Smith family tradition John Turner Smith, 14th child of Rev. John and Mary (Polly) (Swisher) Smith. However, the use of the first person makes it appear to have been written by Rev. Smith.

Submitted by: Robert B. Smith

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We hope that you have enjoyed this edition of FIRST FAMILIES and we urge others to submit the story of "their" first family so that it may be included in a future "Hacker's Creek Journal".

FOR THE RECORD  
by  
H. T. Bonnett

In seeking Bonnett data in the Harrison County area, several questionable or incorrect items in print have been noted.

1. The marriage in 1827 of Ioline Bonnett to Bridget Morrison: on inspection of the marriage record in the county office, it was concluded what had been taken as "Ioline" was a poorly written "John".
2. The marriage in 1792 of John Bonnett to Jane Wilson: the handwriting in the county record is difficult. It was concluded the groom's name was probably Bennett. No other record of this couple was found. Perhaps a Bennett family genealogist could help with this problem.
3. The marriage in 1800 of Joseph Crouse to Eloner Bonet, d/o Jacob: the handwriting in the county record is difficult. No other record of this couple was found. From inspection of both the bond and marriage record in the county office, it was concluded the bride's surname perhaps was Bennet. Jacob Bonnett was married in 1791 so should not have had a daughter of marriageable age in 1800. Again, perhaps a Bennett family genealogist could help.
4. The marriage of Samuel Bonnett (1770-1849) to Martha Hughes: this is doubly wrong. This Samuel Bonnett married Martha Radcliff in 1796. It was Jacob Bonnett who married Martha Hughes in 1791.
5. Samuel Bonnett (dec 1789) and Elizabeth Lorentz: it was Henry Bonnett who married Elizabeth Lorentz. Samuel's wife was named Mary Elizabeth, but her surname is not known.

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CORRECTION

Additional information indicates that it was not the William Radcliff who was on Hacker's Creek in 1770 that was the pensioned Revolutionary Soldier of Virginia.

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1817 LIST OF LAND TAX

Cris Wagoner extracted this partial list from #476 Land Book of Lewis County, W. Va. Some of the people within the district of John Mitchell:

<u>Name</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Location</u>
Bush, Jacob	Lewis	350	On West Fork River
Bonnet, Jacob	Lewis	140	On Hackers Creek
		15 & 25	On Bonnets Run
Bonnet, Peter	Lewis	36½	On Bonnets Run
Bonnet, Samuel	Lewis	72½ & 150	On Bonnets Run
Bonnet, Mary	Monongalia	240	Head of Stoney Run
Dobson, George	Lewis	195	Jesse Hughes Run
Flesher, Peter			West side of West
and Lewis	Lewis	170	Fork River
Flesher, Henry	Lewis	130	West side of West
			Fork River
Hardman, Peter	Lewis	164	Jesse Hughes Run
Hacker, John	Lewis	236	On Hackers Creek
Hardman, John	Lewis	100	On Little Skin Creek
Hacker, William	Lewis	120	Right Hand Fork of
			Stone Coal
McWhorter, Henry	Lewis	36	Hackers Creek
Mitchell, John	Lewis	207-120	All on Jesse Hughes
		& 120	Run
		360	Both sides of West
			Fork River
Peterson, William	Lewis	259	On Stone Coal Creek
Pringle, John	Lewis	58	Cartridges Run
Peterson, Benjamin	Lewis	250	Laurel Lick Run -
			Waters of Hackers
			Creek
Reager, John	Lewis	350-2190	On waters of Big Run
			Waters of Buckhannon
Stalnaker, Samuel	Lewis	180	Hackers Creek
Straley, George	Lewis	21	On Hackers Creek
Smith, Mark	Lewis	110½	Waters of Stone <u>Cole</u>
Sims, William	Lewis	100	McKenneys Run
West, Alexander	Lewis	200	Hackers Creek
Wolf, Jacob Jr.	Lewis	60	Jesse Hughes Run
Wayner (Waggoner),			
John	Lewis	150-150	Jesse Hughes Run
Wolf, Jacob	Lewis	240-200	On Hackers Creek

Cris resides in Casper, Wyoming. Her ambitious project is a history of her husband's family - the Waggoner/Wagoner family. While Cris enjoys genealogy, her number one favorite hobby is art; she is putting this to use for the Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants and designing a "fancy" letterhead which we hope will appear on the next issue of the Journal. Go to it, Cris!

## LEWIS COUNTY COURT RECORDS

With this issue we begin the publication of the Lewis County, W. Va., deaths as recorded by the WPA and found in the West Virginia Room of West Virginia University Library. Betty Graybill and Joy Gilchrist have extracted all the deaths found in those records and, in due time, hope to have them in alphabetical order and cross-indexed. In addition, notations are being made of the burial places as these become known through cemetery readings and other sources.

There is one thing lacking from these lists, which, in many cases, appears in the court records - the cause of death. So - - - we are in search of a volunteer who would be willing to make a few trips to Weston, with lists provided by us, to record the "cause of death" and double check the names and dates. Since we both live out-of-state and our time when we visit West Virginia is limited, we would appreciate any help with this project.

In the future, the marriages of Harrison County up to 1818 and the marriages of Lewis County will be published. Presently, Joy has those of Lewis through 1850 in her files. In addition, when copies of the early births in Lewis County are obtained, these too will be published.

Note: Due to space limitations, dates will be published month/day under headings by year. Last names of parents will not be used unless it is different from the deceased - as in the case of a married female; neither will the last name of a spouse be published unless for some reason it is different from the deceased. Since, in most cases, the birthplace was listed as Lewis County, Lewis will be abbreviated as "L".

Should the researcher find this method difficult to follow, please let us know and we will try to change it.

HAPPY HUNTING and here goes!

LEWIS COUNTY DEATHS

Name of Dec.	Mo./Day	Age	Birthplace	Parents	Person Reporting
1853					
SUMMERS, John H.	1/11	25 dys	L	Adam and Mary E.	f
COSNER, Henry	3/16	63 y	Hardy	Jacob	Abraham Cosner, s
RAINS, Francis	4/15	84 y	L	Alexander & Eliza-beth McDonald	Wm. R. Stalnaker, sil
WOLF, Thomas	6/12	64 y	Harrison	Jacob & Anna	Abram M. Wolf, s
HINZMAN, Morton	8/15	5 m	L	Jacob & E.	f
STRALEY, Harrison L.	10/6	1 y	L	Nicholas & Sarah	f
STRALEY, Martha E.	10/12	7 y	L	Nicholas & Sarah	f
STALNAKER, Perry S.	10/25	8 y	L	Charles & Susan	f
STALNAKER, Elizabeth	4/1	16 y	L	Wm. P. & Ella	f
STALNAKER, David H.	4/8	1 y	L	Wm. P. & Ella	f
BUTCHER, Hamilton	4/19	10 m	L	Emanuel & Marrina	f
BRAKE, Francis	7/24	61 y	Harrison	Thos. & Mildred Brake	John I. Brake, h
PATTERSON, Drusilla	12/13	22 y	L	Eliza Bonnett	Wm. J. Patterson, h
HACKER, Samuel B.	10/9	1 y	L	Thomas & Charity	f
FRANCIS, William H.	3/2	1 y	L	Henry P. & Margaret	m
BUCKBEE, Eliza	2/12	27 y	Fauquier	Josiah & Margaret	m
HALEY, Saary O. M.	3/12	6 m	L	Samuel & Jane	f
HURST, Unah	7/27	67 y	Northumberland Co., Va.	Thomas & Elizabeth	John Hurst, h
BAILEY, Ellen	9/13	50 y	Warren, Fauquier Co., Va.	Minter & Nancy Bailey	Silas Bailey, h
TAYLOR, William E.	8/14	17 d	L	John & Amanda	f
JODAN, Susan	9/1	83 y	Frederick Co., Md.	John & Ivanna McHenry	Benjamin Jodan, s
MC WHORTER, Olive	3/24	3 m	L	Mansfield & Susan	f
LOUGH, Matilda	4/3	29 y	L	Phillip & Sally	f
GARRETT, Barbary	6/14	34 y	Fauquier	Richard & Milly	Louisa Garrett, sis
GUM, William Jasper	3/23	18 y	Crab Bottom, Randolph Co.	Henry & Margaret	f
HOOVER, Marcellus E.	4/23	1 y	Gilmer	John & Elizabeth	f
MC GEE, Charles	5/7	2 y	Weston	James & S.A.C.	f
MAXWELL, Sarah	?/28	36 y	Harrison	John & Mary Haymond	Levi Maxwell, h

Name of Dec.	Mo./Day	Age	Birthplace	Parents	Person Reporting
1853 - cont.					
FUNK, Charles	11/20	61 y	Harrison	UK	Jeremiah Cookman, Owner
BEARD, Nancy	6/15	26 y	Bath Co., VA	Polly Dickson	Thomas McDonald, Owner
DICKASON, Mary	11/16	17 y	Bath Co., VA	Polly Dickason	Thomas McDonald, Owner
No Surname, Elizabeth	3/9	UK	UK	UK	R.J. McCauldlish, Owner
SHEA, Collum	12/20	5 m	Washburn Run, L.	James	f
RACER, Lucy Ann	5/20	19 y	L	Laben	f
OWEN, Ada	11/10	20 d	Weston	James & Mary Josephine	f
OWEN, Jane Sarah	4/14	1 y	Weston	Thomas E. & D. Harriet	f
DODD, Andrew Jackson	8/5	11 m	Eastern Va.	William & Nancy	f
COPELEY, Infant	8/27	3 d	Sand Fork, L	Michael & Ann	f
MULLOOLY, Ellen	8/8	11 m		Owen & Christian	f
WARNER, John	4/11	48 y	Pendleton Co.	UK	Sarah Warner
WESTFALL, Granville B.	9/1	18 y	Skin Creek, L	Jacob C. & Elizabeth	f
STALNAKER, Nancy F.	4/1	10 m	Little Skin Creek, L		
WHETZEEL, Alonzo A.	12/29	1 y	Stone Coal, L	John W. & Elizabeth	f
WHETZEEL, Rebecca	2/14	73 y	Shenandoah	David D. & Margaret	f
PETERSON, Martha A.	3/28	19 y	Hackers Creek, L	UK	D.D. Whetzel, s
PETERSON, John W.	3/29	2 d	Georgetown, L	John & Mary	f
SPAUR, Almira	11/10	? m	Middle Run, L	Isaac L. & Martha Ann	f
RIFFLE, Hannah	6/13	46 y	UK	A.A. & Sarah	f
BLAKE, Andrew	4/15	46 y	Greenbriar Co.	UK	John W. Riffle, cousin
DUVALL, B. Jane	3/1	1 y	West Fork River	UK	Eliza J. Blake, d
BOND, Rachel E.	2/24	14 y	West Fork River	Lewis L. & Christiana	f
GARVIN, Harriet	6/11	12 d	Glady Fork, Ka- nawha:Co.	Jesse & Mary Bouse (?)	f
				Andrew & Rebecca	m
HOLT, Jane	12/4	46 y	Monongalia Co.	James & Sarah Coburn J. Holt, h	
WILSON, Infant	5/4	1 m	Rockingham Co.	E.H. & Catherine	m
CRAWFORD, Sarah	2/19	78 y	Pendleton Co.	James Stephenson	Robert Crawford, s

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<u>1853 - cont.</u>					
ACHINSON, Solomon	6/29	3 y	Weston	Adam & Elizabeth	f
BUTCHER, Salathiel		1 y	Little Skin Creek	Isaac & C.	f
CONNELL, Mary E.	4/23	9 m	Rush Run, L	John & Catherine	m
<u>1854 - cont.</u>					
BONNETT, Diana	5/1	2 y	L	Lewis D. & Margaret	f
EDMONDS, Ada	5/10	1 y	L	John & Hannah	f
ATKINS, Isabella	12/16		Jane Lew, L.	R.M. & Catherine	f
KELLEY, William	7/30	66 y	Shenandoah Co.	John & Elizabeth	Mary A. Kelley, w
RUDA, Martha	3/23	41 y	Worthington, Mass.	Noah & Martha Saxton	William Ruda/Ruds(?)
HARMAN, Martha	11/3	23 y	L	John & Bridget Bonnett	M. Harman, h
KELLEY, Wedon	9/29	18 y	Hackers Run, L.	Nelsen & Deborah	f
DUNBAR, Benjamin	6/16	1 y	Upshur Co.	Stephen & Catherine	f
BUCKBEE, Margaret	7/30	51 y	Randolph Co.	Daniel & Elizabeth	I. Buckbee, h
HALL, Mary	10/26	63 y		Canfield	
HALL, Mary	10/26	63 y	Fage Co., Va.	John & Frances Bailey	Richard Hall, h
SWISHER, Lewis A.			Harrison Co.	Isaac & Mirah	Martin Post Jr., fil
STRALEY, Joseph	8/2	74 y	Pendelton Co.	Christian & Christina	Joshua Straley, s
ALKIRE, Nicholas	4/24	62 y	Hampshire Co.	Mary West	Nicholas Alkire, s
LISTER, Juliet	3/13	62 y	Fredrick Co., Va.	Wm. & Elizabeth Dawson	Cornelius Lister, s
KEMPER, James W.	6/25	5 y	L	Ruben A. & Rosamond	f
BAILEY, Frances	12/15	38 y	Cuapepper Co., Va.	William & Mary Jones	Minter Bailey, s
NORRIS, Samuel	5/28	81 y	Pittsylvania, Va.	William & Elizabeth	William Brake, sil
NORRIS, Catherine	4/3	70 y	Easternport, Va.	George & Sarah Carter	William Brake, sil
DEPRIEST, Benjamin	10/20	10 d	L	William A. & Louisa	f
MERRY, John	8/?	50 y	Goochland Co., Va.	Edward & Sarah	Jane Merry, w
FLESHER, Issac	6/24	42 y	L	Adam & Elizabeth	D. Flesher, w
COLVIN, James	7/15	1 y	L	Charles & Mary	T. McDonald, master

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MAXWELL, Lamira	11/15	24 y	L	Levi & Sarah	f
WITHERS, Matilda	9/15	40 y	Fauquier Co., Va	Samuel & Mary Fisher	Henry R. Withers, s
BOND, Infant	10/10	17 d	L	Jacob & Minerva S.	f
FLESHER, Adam	11/4	90 y	Hardy Co.	Henry & Elizabeth	Noah Flesher, s
KEITH, Infant		9 d	Jacksonville	William B. & Rebecca	f
RADCLIFF, Isaac	5/20	61 y	Hardy Co.	William & Catherine	
JARVIS, Hannah	10/5	56 y	Harrison Co.	Thomas	Elizabeth Jarvis, dil
BANKHEAD, James	10/6	82 y	Scotland	Thomas & Della	Junnett Spiere, d
LOCKHARD, Newton	7/10	17 y	Polk Creek	Michael	Margaret Lockhard, sis
COLLINS, Infant	3/15	7 m	Sand Fork		f
COLLINS, James	3/5	70 y	Ireland		
WHITE, Patrick	11/3	47 y	Ireland	Patrick & Mary	John Hayden, friend
LOCKHARD, C.A. Columbia	9/18	4 m	Limestone	John & Elizabeth	James White
RIFFLE, John	11/10	44 y	Kanawha River	Francis & Eva	f
BLAKE, Elizabeth	6/11	35 y	Pocohontas Co.	Samuel & Nancy A.	Sarah A. Riffle, w
				Walton (?)	Alexander Blake, b
FORINASH, Allispace	1/26	14 d	Big Skin Creek	Issac & Nellie A.	
SMITH, Elizabeth	5/10	30 y	Middle Fork of	Jacob & Hannah	m
			Buckhannon	Forinash	Hannah McCord, m
DAVIS, William (?)	8/19	68 y	Rockingham Co., Va.		
BLAND, Joe	12/28	42 y	Pendleton Co.	Thomas & Rachel	Owen Warner, sil
HEFNER, Benjamin	9/2	50 y	Pendleton Co.	Lewis & Isabella	Margaret Bland, w
BENNETT, Elizabeth	5/6	28 y	Harrison Co.	William & Sarah	Eliza Hefner, w
				Louden	Joseph Bennett, h
BENNETT, Margaret M.	5/7	1 y	Glady Fork	Joseph & Elizabeth	f
WARNER, Mary A.	2/19	20 y	Glady Fork, Skin	William I. & Mary	Adam Warner, h
				Smith	
CRAWFORD, Infant	4/14	1m	West Fork River	Robert & Hester	f
FIFER, Harriet	7/17	55 y			
BASTABLE, Arthur	2/24	47 h	Fauquier Co., Va	George & Lucy	J.C. Wilkinson
No Surname, Brock	6/?	40 y			Jane Bastable, w
No Surname, Ben	11/?	10 y	Weston		J.M. Bennett
HAYS, Mortimore	4/6	35 y	Ireland	Brock & Peggy	J.M. Bennett
No Surname, Malinda	11/?	15 y	Greenbriar Co.		Benjamin Owen
DUVALL, Cornelius P.	9/25	23 y	West Fork River	George T. & Polly	Dr. J. M. Hamilton

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JOHNS, Harriet	1/20	15 y	Bath Co., Va.	Harry & Mary	f
No Surname, Susan	2/18		Rush Run		
ALLEN, James	2/5	29 d	Sand Fork	Nicholas B. & Margaret	f
MORRISON, Elliot M.	9/3	7 y	Skin Creek	Jacob & Margaret	f
LINGER, Elizabeth	11/?	26 y	Buckhannon	F.M. & Sarah	m
HELMICK, Virginia	4/12	1 m	Little Skin Creek	Jno. R. & Virginia E.	m
CLARK, Abraham	10/5	27 y	Stone Coal	John & Margaret	m
CLARK, Margaret E.	10/3	21 y	Greenbriar Co.	George & Mary	Margaret Clark, mil
				Walden	
ATCHINSON, Marcella	7/15	1 y	Weston	Adam & Elizabeth	f
HARRIS, Susannah	10/10	19 y	Skin Creek	John & Sarah Warner	Hannah Harris, mil

# Hacker Whackers Set Things Right With Their Ancestors

THE WEST VIRGINIA HILLBILLY — JANUARY 1, 1983 —

FROM JOY L. GILCHRIST —

Despite all of the rain the week before, the morning of Saturday, November 27, was clear and fairly warm — just right for the cleaning of the Morrison Cemetery located on the farm of Paul Alkire one mile below Berlin in Lewis County. This cemetery is the final resting place for over 120 of the early settlers of Hacker's Creek, the first permanent white settlement in what is now Lewis County.

Several people had expressed an interest in working at the old cemetery and Robert B. Smith, chairman of the event for the Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants, had made arrangements for everyone to meet at the gas station at the Jane Lew exit of I-79 at 8:30 that morning.

My husband and I, and our son Jene, were the first to arrive. We had driven to Cousin Juanita Moats Matthews in Fairmont the previous day. She had offered us bed and board in exchange for our company and we had been quick to accept. Juanita is a cousin several times over through several family lines; Chuck and I have spent many happy days with her and her husband, John, winding

through the back country roads of Preston County searching for lost relatives, sharing lunches by tombstones in various cemeteries, digging through the many books in her excellent collection of W. Va. history and genealogy, and more recently cleaning up the mess after the first meeting of the Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants at Broad Run Church in October. Her good W. Va. breakfast of hot oatmeal, toast and coffee had prepared us for the "battle of the briars" this November morning.

In a few minutes along came Cousin Glenn (with two n's) Warner of Weston. Glenn and I

had only met through correspondence, but I recognized him from a picture he had sent. He had attended Weston High School with my mother and aunts. He enjoyed telling me about the early days when he delivered mail to my grandfather, Nick Winemiller, at McGuire Park and to my great-grandfather, Page Winemiller, at Stone Coal.

Bob Smith and his son Larry were next. Bob reported that some who had planned to help were unable to do so. Perhaps the most tragic reason was that of his brother Bill whose brother-in-law had died the previous day (Thanksgiving) while returning home from his holiday dinner in Ohio.

We waited a few more minutes; and, when no one else came, we decided it was time to head for the cemetery and the work. The drive to the cemetery was a nostalgic one for me. I placed myself in the footsteps of my ancestors who, almost 200 years ago, had traveled the same area. While I was in a modern car, they had traveled by shank's mare and on horseback to visit their neighbors, to hunt for food, and seek shelter from Indians at nearby West's Fort, and to go to Clarksburg and Weston to record their various business transactions. I could picture the men at work clearing their fields and planting their corn; I could see the women at their spinning wheels in their dirt-floored cabins; I could even see the young girl who was slaughtered by the Indians as she returned home with her new puppy. As we passed Harmony Church, I could visualize the worshippers entering the log church to thank God for His many blessings; I could see the men dressed in deer skins and the women in linsey dresses and bare feet. As we neared the spot where Granddad John Hacker had made his permanent home,

the feelings were even stronger. It's a beautiful spot with the broad valley and the hills beyond and Hacker's Creek meandering it's way across the valley floor; the old barn below the road is a symbol of the days gone by. As we passed, I told my son the story of the previous summer, when I visited the valley for the first time in many years and took a picture of that old barn.

Although I had been raised at McGuire Park — just four miles from Hacker's Creek — I didn't know much about it. I'd always known that I was descended from John Hacker and I knew the stories and family tales; but, to my knowledge, I'd only been through Hacker's Creek once before. I was about ten at the time and Grandpa Winemiller went to see Uncle Fess Hacker "on business" and we children and grandma went along for the ride. My only recollection of that trip is Grandma telling us that Hacker's Creek was named for my great grandmother's family.

So, last summer, when Cousin Juanita, friend Helen Frankman and I toured the Jane Lew and Hacker's Creek area, I felt somewhat as John Hacker must have felt when he first laid eyes on the valley — I was enthralled. We had come to Hacker's Creek by way of Berlin. After asking questions of neighbors, we found the old cemetery — much overgrown and briery. Never deterred by briars and fences or the possibility of an encounter with a friendly West Virginia snake and finding it impossible to enter by way of the gate, I shinned through the strands of barbed wire and began my fruitless search. It quickly became evident that the only way to find anything in this place was to get someone to clean it — thus, was born the event of this past weekend.

After an hour of taking pictures, getting stuck in briars, ruining my good slacks and finding only 17 tombstones, we decided it was time to head home. We returned to our car and drove towards Jane Lew. A short distance down the road I spied the old barn; I *had* to stop and take some pictures. Picture taking over, we proceeded to Jane Lew and visited the Christian Straley graves near the tube plant.

When I returned to Canton, I had my pictures developed. How thrilled I was with them. I had copies made and shared them with my friends; I asked an artist friend to copy one in oils. Well, you can imagine my surprise when I learned at the Hacker's Creek Gathering that this old barn had been my ancestor's.

I finished my story as we approached the gate to Paul Alkire's field where the graveyard is located. We jockeyed with the others in our small caravan for places to park our cars to keep them off the highway that was busy with deer hunters and people heading to town for their Saturday morning shopping. We changed to our old work coats, donned stocking caps and gloves and perched ourselves on the tailgate of Bob Smith's Jeep for the ride through the field to the cemetery.

At the gate to the graveyard I found that it hadn't changed much since my visit of the previous summer. The briars were still there although they were no longer cloaked in their green garb. We clamored from the truck and began to unload the tools — scythe, rakes, pitch forks, chain saws. Someone opened the gate and began to cut a path and someone else decided it was time to take a few pictures for posterity. We discussed the need to begin at the back to have room for a fire to burn the brush that we gathered. Larry Smith and I went to the back with scythe and pitch fork; our task was not quite so hard as those who remained at the gate. Instead of briars we had the remnants of

some long ago planted flowers. They had completely taken over the back of the lot. Our work proceeded at a steady pace and our pile of brush began to grow. We were so proud of ourselves — we were getting the job done.

Larry and I discussed many things as we worked — how soon we could clear a path to the top of the hill and the graves of John and Margaret Hacker and David and Sarah (Hacker) Smith, the pleasure of working where our ancestors had worked 200 years before, the gullets that I had made and brought along for the occasion. Although Larry and I had not personally known one another before the gathering in October, I had learned from his father that we shared many of the same memories and had moved with the same family groups during our childhood days. They had lived next door and were close friends to Cecil and Gretta Sullivan, my dad's first cousin, and my dear great aunt Bertha Eperthamer was called aunt by them too. I knew that Bob, wife Ruth, and Larry shared the memory of the yummy Belgian cookie that my Gregoire ancestors and their compatriots had brought with them when they came to America in the 1880's to work in the glass factories of West Virginia, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Indiana. Sure enough, when the cookie tin was brought forth at lunch time, not only Larry but several others in our group pounced upon the 12th Day of Christmas cookie as though they were long lost friends. The cookie tin was soon empty.

We had cleared a space about 30'X30' when other helpers arrived. Raymond Wolfe, Jr., had driven over from his home at French Creek; he has no family buried at Morrison but he wanted to help with the work. Seventy-eight year old Troy Fisher came trudging up the hill with his scythe in his arms; this man and his scythe made the rest of us look like pikers. His swaths were wide and his arms seemed untiring. He had been at work about 15 minutes when he tangled with some of the 15 foot

briars; he never paused to wipe the blood that trickled it's way down his head and face but kept at this self-appointed task. Troy was there in honor of his late wife, Beulah Adeline Warner Fisher, g.g.g. granddaughter of John Hacker. At lunch time he refused to eat and said that his work was his lunch. His stamina and perserverance were an example of the virtues characteristic of the early settlers of the Hacker's Creek area.

About the same time Clara Jett Lawson of Buckhannon came. She had left her daughter and her family who were visiting from Pennsylvania to lend her willing hands.

The work went quickly with the addition of the extra workers. Within the hour, we heard voices at the top of the knoll. Those who were working from the front and those who were working from the back were about to meet, appropriately enough, near the Hacker graves. With a path finally cut through the center of the burial ground and THE graves found, each one in his turn paused for their private thoughts at the graves of their ancestors. Bob and Larry Smith reported that the stones were a little more deteriorated than they had been five years ago; someone remarked that — according to the Hacker Manuscripts written by John's grandson William — Ann Turner Hacker, the mother of John, lay at his right side in an unmarked grave. For me, there was a feeling of completeness and continuity as I saw my 14 years old son standing reverently by the graves of his 5th great grandparents and I wondered if 160 years down the road of life, one of my own 5th great grandsons or granddaughters would be able to stand in the same spot and maybe have the same thoughts.

The appropriate comments made and feelings expressed, everyone returned to their work. Two more came to join us: Clive West, spouse of the late Mary Warner McWhorter West, and Maurice Allman.

Like his brother-in-law Troy Fisher, Clive had no direct ancestors buried here; he came to share in the work of his late wife's family. For years Clive and Mary worked at recording all of the graves in Lewis County, a work which did not cease with her death in 1976. Soon Clive will have recorded every known grave in the county. He told of crawling on his belly through the briars of this same cemetery shouting the names and dates to his wife who stood on the outside of the fence and recorded them.

Maurice drove over from Philippi to help because he had grown up in the neighborhood. His father had built the brick home that stands less than a mile down the road. Later in the afternoon, he was rewarded for his work when he found graves of some of his Allman ancestors.

The thought just crossed my mind that the examples of sharing set by Troy and Raymond and Clive and Clara and Maurice and Hartzel were reflections of the way our grandparents and great grandparents and the many generations before them settled this vast nation of ours — by working together for the common good. It's a shame there isn't more of this kind of sharing today.

The last to join us, shortly before noon, was Hartzel Strader of Miamisburg, Ohio. He was visiting at Vandalia with his parents and had spent the morning tracking down the Harman cemetery and making records of the graves therein.

Near 1 o'clock I took orders for honest-to-goodness West Virginia hotdogs from The Coffee Shop in Jane Lew. (Only those who live out-of-state can appreciate the joy of being able to purchase a WEST VIRGINIA HOTDOG.) Husband Charlie drove me to town because he feared I might get stuck in the mud getting in or out of the field.

As we returned, we saw Hartzel striding down over the slope with his scythe in two pieces. He had worked so hard and caught

his scythe on so many briars that the knife had broken from the handle.

Lunch was served at the tombstone of Mrs. Means. Bases of overturned tombstones were chairs and the box from the hotdog stand was the table. Lunch conversation was brisk with many questions, and sometimes answers, about the genealogy and history of the area.

The afternoon's work did not proceed quite as rapidly as the morning's. The work party had become better acquainted and all were beginning to tire. I think we did more "resting" — usually in groups of three or four with the conversation always of genealogy and history — then we did working. I'm sure that, if we had done less talking and more working, we might have completed our appointed task. As it was, with the sun sinking lower in the sky, we returned to our scattered homes with our job about three quarters complete.

We all felt good about our accomplishments of the day. When we had started that morning, none of us really believed that we would do as much as we did. We had enjoyed the work and the conversation. Some of us looked like we had been in the middle of a cat fight; others had sore muscles from swinging scythes and heaving pitchforks of briars onto the five huge piles of brush. All had a feeling of contentment and "a job well done."

There is still much to be done at Morrison. The rest of the brush has to be cut; about fifteen tombstones are overturned and need reset; some of the graves have begun to sink and need to be filled; and the whole cemetery needs raked and mowed. Bob and Larry Smith and Maurice Allman plan to finish cutting the briars and burn the brush on some of the nicer Saturday afternoons in the coming winter months; and another work party is planned for the spring.

A perpetual care fund is being investigated so that Morrison

will not become overgrown again; and application is being made for government markers for the soldiers buried there.

And, if you pass by and think you see the ghost of John Hacker arising from his grave — never fear!!! It's only plastic trashbags over the sandstone tombstones to protect them from the winter's ice and snow.

A survey of the marked graves at Morrison Cemetery begins on pg. 43.

BUCKHANNON RUN CEMETERY  
(also known as Rogers Cemetery)

This cemetery is located on Buckhannon Run, a branch of Hacker's Creek in Lewis County, W. Va. about 2.8 miles upstream from the village of Berlin. The route beginning at the Hacker's Creek road is 1.4 miles to the intersection of three roads; take the right fork 0.6 miles to the cemetery. The owner of the property is Ron Weese, who with some help recently cleared the cemetery of small trees. The fenced area is comprised of approximately 100 X 100 feet of well drained soil. The readings were done by Hartzel G. Strader, 26 November 1982, beginning at the gate at the west side, proceeding in each row left to right (north to south).

Row 1

MORRISON, Bessie P. b. 1885, d. 1932  
Jewel B. b. 1907, d. 1933  
ROGERS, Mary Deborah - footstone having 1857-1929 - a large double stone at head with no other information.\*  
HERSMAN, Arthur R. b. 29 Oct 1880, d. 4 Sept 1901, s/o M. and O.R.  
HERSMAN, Jacob H. b. 25 Sept 1889, d. 29 June 1894, s/o M. and O.R.  
HERSMAN, French b. 27 Nov 1895, d. 16 Jan 1898, s/o M. and O.R.  
TAYLOR, Luther b. 1 Jan 1875 Father  
Minnie b. 5 April 1873, d. 18 May 1938 Mother  
TAYLOR, Catherine b. 1847, d. 1910, w/o Bradley  
TAYLOR, Bradley b. 1838, d. 1921  
TAYLOR, Freddie L. b. 1899, d. 1957  
Gladys E. b. 1896, d. 19--

Row 2

HERSMAN, Harold A. d. 9 Oct 1900 age 9 mo., s/o W. and H.L.  
HERSMAN, A. Willis b. 22 Dec 1872, d. 18 Nov 1901, s/o M. & O.  
CORATHERS, John T. b. 1855, d. 1933  
Martha J. b. 1866, d. 1914  
Howard B. b. 1906, d. 1937

Row 3

ROGERS, Ernest R. Sr. b. 1890, d. 1953  
Sarah Mae b. 1888, d. 1953  
Ernest R. Jr. b. 1916, d. 1936  
Lucy Jane b. 1864, d. 1907  
George W. b. 1865, d. 1908

Row 4

ALLMAN, infant dau. d. 6 Oct 1908, of G.L. and E.C.  
infant son d. 17 June 1913, of G.L. and E.C.

\*Mary Deborah Rogers was d/o Benjamin and Martha (Hinzman) (Clark) Stout and w/o John Rogers.

Buckhannon Run - cont.

Row 4 - cont.

ALLMAN, George L. b. 1865, d. 1951  
Emily C. b. 1870, d. 1922

Row 5

HINZMAN, Amanda C. b. 1864, d. 1922 Mother\*  
HINZMAN, George W. b. 18 Dec 1842, d. 29 Dec 1913  
Pvt. 6th W. Va. Cav. (Civil War)\*\*  
HINZMAN, Olin S. b. 17 May 1891, d. 11 March 1911 W. Va.  
OS US Navy  
CUMMINGS, George b. 1850, d. 1924  
Margaret b. 1851, d. 1934  
CUMMINGS, Henry M. b. 1872, d. 1964  
Alice M. b. 1880, d. 1963  
REYNOLDS, Olive L. b. 1857, d. 1939  
SPENCER, Ada Pearl b. 5 March 1951, d. 30 Sept 1951  
SPENCER, Lantie b. 1913, d. 1957

Row 6

SWISHER, Goldie b. 22 March 1892, d. 25 March 1892, d/o  
J.B. and A. V.  
SWISHER, Mary G. b. 6 April 1887, d. 2 Nov 1888, d/o J.B.  
and A. V.  
SWISHER, Harry b. 14 Oct 1884, d. 3 May 1888, s/o J.B.  
and A. V.  
BORAM, Jane d. 15 Sept 1896 in her 76th year - w/o Thomas  
BORAM, Thomas b. 1822, d. 1903

Row 7

WILSON, J. M. b. 1846, d. 1909  
M.A.W. b. 1860, d. 1947  
ROGERS, David M. b. 1857, d. 1937  
Luvernia b. 1860, d. 1897 - His Wife  
ROGERS, Duff d. 26 April 1886 - aged 61 ys, 10ms, 29dys  
ROHR, Philip b. 1859, d. 1921  
Alice W. b. 1861, d. 1940

Row 8

BORAM, Mary Blanche b. 23 Feb 1882, d. 28 Aug 1882, d/o  
T.J. and L.L.  
LAWSON, Alva G. d. 4 Aug 1891, aged 22 ys, 11ms, 28dys - s/o  
D.B. and H.J.  
LAWSON, Eva E. d. 27 Jan 1886, aged 15 ys, 9ms, 19ds - d/o  
D.B. and J.J.  
SWISHER, Olive B. d. 24 Sept 1867, aged 11ys, 9ms, 7ds -  
d/o G.W. and M.A.

\*Amanda Wagner - George Hinzman's third wife.

\*\*George was s/o Thomas and Deborah Hinzman.

Buckhannon Run - cont.

Row 9

WARNER, Mary E. b. 6 May 1866, d. 31 Dec 1899 - w/o J.L.  
WILSON, Luther E. b. 1878, d. 1902 - s/o D. and D.  
WILSON, Docia d. 19 July 1886 in her 36th year - w/o David  
WILSON, David b. 27 Sept 1841, d. 1 May 1917  
TAYLOR, Nancy d. 2 Aug 1880 aged 56 yrs - w/o Wm. D.  
CUNNINGHAM, S. Jerome b. 30 Oct 1861, d. 19 Oct 1895, s/o  
Col. H.E. and P.G.  
SWISHER, George Washington b. 28 May 1818, d. 20 Dec 1888,  
aged 70 ys, 6ms, 22dys  
Mary Ann b. 13 April 1820, d. 13 Sept 1870, aged  
59 ys, 5ms  
LAWSON, Arthur D. d. 23 June 1879, aged 17 days - s/o Brandh J.  
SWISHER, Everett b. 2 Feb 1873, d. 5 Feb 1873 - s/o J.B. and A.V.  
SWISHER, Chalres L. d. 1 May 1868 aged 9ys, 11ms, 1 dy - s/o  
G.W. and M.A.

Row 10

HACKER, Mary L. b. 20 Aug 1854, d. 26 Aug 1932  
HACKER, Silas A. b. 8 Oct 1854, d. 2 June 1894  
HACKER, Porter G. b. 17 June 1886, d. 17 Jan 1888 - s/o Silas  
and M.L.  
HACKER, Elizabeth d. 23 Mar 1882 (old stone -root clump  
covering age)  
KEE, Margaret L. d. 19 Jan 1883, aged 35 yrs, 5ms, 2 dys -  
w/o J.W.B.  
HINZMAN, Irene M. b. 11 Sept 1904, d. 6 Feb 1905 - d/o  
G. W. and A.C.  
WILSON, Robert M. b. 1 May 1811, d. 5 July 1887  
WILSON, Charlotte b. 20 Dec 1819, d. 4 Dec 1878, w/o Robert M.  
Sandstone - no initials  
WILSON, Jane d. 2 June 1900, aged 63 years  
WILSON, Mary E. b. 17 Nov 1848, d. 12 July 1920

Row 11

WOODLEY, Minnie d. 4 July 1897, aged 27 ys, 6m, Odys - w/o G.L.  
KEE, James P. b. 7 Dec 1838, d. 10 May 1880 Father  
Harriet J. b. 7 Dec 1839, d 15 Jan 1889 Mother

Row 12

HINZMAN, Atwell b. 1875, d. 1894  
HINZMAN, Jacob B. b. 1826, d. 1889\*  
Emily b. 1834, d. 1923 - His Wife \*\*  
WILSON, Eleanor d. 8 Sept 1885 aged 72 years - w/o D.M.  
WILSON, David d. 18 May 1886 aged 73 years  
Sandstone

\*Jacob B. Hinzman, s/o Thomas and Deborah (Starcher) Hinzman  
\*\*Emily Hinzman was Emily Wilson.

Buckhannon Run - Cont.

Row 12 - cont.

WILSON, Mary d. AD 1858 - w/o W.M.

WILSON, W.M. d. 11 Feb 1855 aged 85 years

WILSON, ???, child d. Sept 1848 age 6y 5m, child of D.M. & E

WILSON, Mifflin d. 24 Mary 1888 aged 8 ys, 10ms - s/o D.M. & E.

Row 13

MORRISON, Mary Starcher b. 13 May 1838, d. 24 June 1930

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UPSHUR COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The Upshur County Genealogical Society were to have the 1860 Upshur County Census ready for sale in January 1983; they are to sell at \$5.00 plus 70¢ postage. The only address I have for the census record is: Raymond Wolfe, Jr., Rt. 1 Box 150, French Creek, W.V. 26218.

Janet (Roby) Cosgrove writes: "Our Upshur County Genealogical Society members are reading the stones in all grave yards in Upshur County and a few in Lewis and Harrison. We've got close to 80 already. We used the old files on graveyard readings made back in 1924-1930 and up-dated them to 1982. So, if anyone is interested in a certain graveyard or just wants to know where so and so is buried, have them write to me." Her address is: 15 College Ave., Buckhannon, W. Va. 26201.  
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HINZMAN HILL CEMETERY

This cemetery is located on Hacker's Creek, in Lewis County, W. Va., about three quarters of a mile upstream from the village of Berlin. The route to the cemetery is 0.2 miles on the Hacker's Creek road from the road fork of Laurel Lick Road to the property of Mr. John Long, then take a zig-zag road up the hill near his dairy barn to a meadow. This meadow of approximately 12 acres in size has a grove of crab apple trees near the center. This group of trees covers the entire unfenced grave yard of 30 feet by 40 feet which appears by the number of flag stone markers to be entirely filled with graves. All inscriptions and initials were copied and soil examined to determine whether any stones were covered. The following were copied by Hartzel G. Strader, 27 November 1982.

Row 1 - East side

RINEHART (a very large black granite stone lying face down; it would require machinery to reset it upon the base.)  
RINEHART, A. V. b. 24 July 1877, d. 20 June 1878 - d/o A. & S.  
RINEHART, F.M. b. 6 July 1874, d. 18 Jan 1879 - d/o A. & S.  
RINEHART, G. W. b. 15 Aug 1859, d. 6 Jan 1879 - s/o A. & S.  
RINEHART, M.L. b. 30 April 1865, d. 25 Jan 1879 - d/o A. & S.  
RINEHART, M.C. b. 5 Dec 1860, d. 15 Nov 1890 - d/o A. & S.  
FLINT, Thomas Jefferson d. Oct 1845 in the 2nd year of his age.  
FLINT, Sarah Jane d. 3 Aug 1844, aged 19 ys, 5ms, 28 dys,  
consort of Joseph Flint.\*

Row 2

RINEHART, Olive M. d. 21 Jan 1879 aged (stone broken) - d/o A. & S.  
RINEHART, Lydia d. 3 May 1886 aged 78 ys 1m, 15 dys - w/o  
Ashford.  
RINEHART, Ashford d. 28 Jan 1884 - aged 75 yrs, 8 ms, 23 dys

There are several flagstones to the end of the row without initials.

Row 3

WILLIAMS, Charity C. d. 8 July 1869 - w/o M.H.  
(?WILLIAMS) (?Jobe A.) weathered badly  
MRS  
EAS  
KEE, J. d. 1868 - s/o J.P. & I  
EBH  
HH\*\*  
J x B

\*Sarah Jane is d/o Thomas and Deborah (Starcher) Hinzman.  
Marriage bond - 27 April 1843.

\*\*Probably Henry Hinzman Jr., b. 20 March 1802, d. ca 1366.

Hinzman Hill Cemetery - cont.

Row 4

HINZMAN, Jacob d. 8 March 1863 (stone broken)  
HINZMAN, Elizabeth d. 3 July 1912 - aged 82 yrs, 1m, 5 dys  
HINZMAN, Margaret A. d. 15 Jan 1880 - aged (stone broken)  
EH RAD DC BO 1851  
GW

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READINGS OF OTHER CEMETERIES

Plans for the next issue include the publication of the survey of Harmony Cemetery taken by Betty Graybill and her mother, Mrs. Pete Wimer in the summer of 1982.

We would like to include others in the Lewis/Harrison/Doddridge/Upshur area that might be of interest to our members. Since the weather will most likely be inclement up till the time of our next publication in April, we're hoping that someone out there might have some surveys that they have done in the past which they will submit for publication.

Sometime before the publication of Volume I of "The Hacker's Creek Journal" is complete, we would hope to provide the survey of the I.O.O.F. cemetery on Hackers Creek Road, as well as those of the other small cemeteries in the area like the one on Lifes Run. Volunteers????? And is there anyone ambitious enough to take on the 3000 graves at Broad Run Church??

If you're interested in "taking on" one of these projects but aren't sure of the "how to's", contact Joy.

Funny Story

Speaking of doing cemetery surveys and the "how to's", I have a delightful story to tell you about one of our members and my many-times cousin, Juanita Moats Matthews, and our friend, Helen Frankman. Both gals reside in Fairmont, are avid genealogists, and members of the Marion County Genealogical Society.

Juanita is a "cemetery nut" who enjoys digging and rooting through old cemeteries looking for old names and old dates. She goes well-equipped with her clip-board, note paper, apron, gloves, white railroad chalk, grass clippers and sickle, a jug full of Kool-Aid and lots of ambition. Like an ol' hound-dog on the trail of a rabbit, she has a "nose" for the most remote of our ancestral burying grounds. Juanita is usually joined in these forays by friend Helen.

Now Helen is one who thoroughly enjoys the research part of genealogy. She puts her heart into every

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# JACKSON'S MILL CEMETERY

Near Weston, W. Va. - Lewis Co.

drawings by Roymond WOLFE, Jr. 16 Oct. 1962

SMITH  
Frieda F.  
1920-1979  
Willard F.  
1915-1982

SMITH  
Olga M. 1894-1988  
Fred C. 1886-1957

Danzak  
son of  
F.C. & M.  
SMITH  
Nov. 27, 1928  
Dec. 8, 1964

WHITE  
Margaret  
Ruth HAYS  
1873  
1959

B. D. WHITE  
Sept. 15, 1875  
May 12, 1924

Fanny  
RAMSEY  
died  
aged near  
113 yrs.

Edward  
COLKITT  
1924  
1969

Myrtle E.  
COLKITT  
1894  
1958

Louise R.  
HAYS  
1876  
1919

Mellie I.  
dau. of  
I. R. & E. C.  
HAYS  
1912  
1919

Eliza  
JACKSON  
dau. of  
James CURRY  
wife of  
B. R. JACKSON  
Apr. 20, 1835  
Nov. 30, 1902  
aged 67y. 7m.  
10 days

S. R.  
son of  
J. M.  
JACKSON  
Jan. 8, 1839  
Feb. 2, 1906

Storkley D.  
HAYS M.D.  
May 9, 1856  
Apr. 21, 1939

Hancy  
Elizabeth  
JACKSON  
wife of  
David J.  
HAYS  
July 15, 1840  
May 4, 1922

David J.  
son of  
Mary J.  
HAYS  
12-22-1860  
4-7-1888

Mary J.  
wife of  
John H. HAYS  
Oct. 12, 1813  
June 11, 1900

John E.  
JACKSON  
died  
July 18, 1873  
in his  
86 years

Andrew  
JACKSON  
died  
Oct. 31, 1867  
in his  
15 years

Martha E.  
dau. of  
A. M. JACKSON  
d. 10-15-1861  
aged 3 m.

no name

Infant  
son of  
B. J. & E.  
HAYS  
12-7-1872

Infant  
dau. of  
B. J. & E.  
HAYS  
died  
Feb. 27, 1872

Susan Ann  
wife of  
James H. JACKSON  
d. Oct. 1, 1879  
aged 77y. 7m. 2d.

James M.  
JACKSON  
died  
Oct. 27, 1872  
in his  
68 years

John BRANK  
who departed  
the life  
Nov. 4, 1830  
aged 84y. 4m.  
21 days

Edward J.  
JACKSON  
son of  
David & Juliet  
JACKSON  
July 31, 1810  
Dec. 8, 1896  
86y. 9m. 7d.

Edward  
JACKSON  
Oct. 29, 1817  
Oct. 21, 1848  
31 years

MORRISON CEMETERY  
(Also known as Old Hacker)

This cemetery is among the oldest in Lewis County. Located approximately one mile west of Berlin on the Hacker's Creek Road on the farm of Paul Alkire. To gain entrance to this well-fenced cemetery, go through the gate in the pasture fence on the north side of the road about 50 feet west of the historical marker to the John Hacker Settlement. The cemetery is directly north of the gate about 500 feet.

This registry was taken 12 Sept 1977 by Robert B. Smith and his son, Larry. The soil was not probed for buried tombstones. This project is planned for a date in the near future and corrections will be made to this list at that time. The readings were taken from right to left and rear to front.

NORMAN, Ellen V., d. 12 Aug 1882 in her 38th yr - w/o D. Norman  
WAGGONER, John E., b. 1851, d. 1928\*  
WAGGONER, John, b. 29 Oct 1805, d. 24 Apr 1879  
WAGGONER, Mary A., b. 24 Sept 1809, d. 29 Jan 1874,  
64ys, 4ms, 5ds, - w/o John Waggoner\*\*  
WAGGONER, Rebecca, d. 23 Dec 1869 - Aged 23 yrs, 2ms, 12dys -  
d/o John and Mary  
CAZAD, William F., d. 20 May 1861 - Aged 2ys, 4ms, 5dys -  
s/o B.F. & S.M.  
MAXON, David B., b. 16 Dec 1866, d. 17 Dec 1866 - s/o J.K.P. & S.F.  
MAXON, Charles A., b. 4 Nov 1867, d. 5 Nov. 1867 - s/o J.K.P. & S.F.  
MAXON, Seth L., d. 14 Aug 1869 - aged 9 ms, 17 ds - s/o J.K.P. & S.F.  
MAXON, Lena, b. 20 Aug 1877, d. 6 Dec 1895 - d/o J.K.P. & S.F.  
HORNER, Derinda, b. 16 Nov 1843, d. 27 Sept 1844 - Aged 10 ms, 11c  
WAGGONER, Perry C. (G.), b. 15 Jun 1822, d. 15 Apr 1861  
WAGGONER, Susannah, b. 27 Apr 1824, d. 7 Oct 1910 - w/o Perry  
WAGGONER, George Columbus, d. 28 July 1849, aged 1y, 11ms, 2 dys -  
s/o Perry C. & Susannah  
MAXON, Elizabeth, d. 29 Feb 1864 in 39th year - w/o John  
HORNER, Virginia, d. 25 May 1842 - aged 9ms 12 dys  
LAWSON, Clarendia L., b. 18 July 1823, d. 18 Mar 1865, aged  
41 yrs, 10 ms - w/o George  
C--KB??, George, b. 11 June 1801, d. 29 Aug 1841 - Aged 40ys, 2m, 18  
LAWSON, A. Morse, b. 13 Mar 1871, d. 2 May 1892 - aged 21 yrs,  
1m, 20 dys - s/o George and Elizabeth  
LAWSON, Jacob W., b. 18 June 1846, d. 20 July 1869 - aged  
23 ys, 1m, 2 dys - s/o G. & C.  
POST, Jane, b. 8 Apr 1835, d. 3 Feb 1894 - w/o Martin  
POST, Martin, b. 25 Dec 1809, d. 20 Aug 1894 - Aged 84 ys, 7ms, 25dy  
POST, Margaret, d. 22 Mar 1866 - aged 53 ys, 4ms, 18 ds  
POST, Son & Daughter - no dates - Son & Daughter of Martin &  
Margaret  
POST, Adam G., d. 1 Sept 1880 - aged 27 ys, 11 ms, 18dys - s/o  
M.J. & M. (2 stones)

\*\*Mary Waggoner was Mary Kelly. \*Last buried in this cemetery.

Morrison Cemetery - cont.

COZAD, Jacob, d. 26 Aug 1839 - aged 24 ys, 4ms  
COZAD, Jacob, d. 5 July 1862 - aged 80 ys  
COZAD, Mercy, d. 9 Sept 1862 - aged 59 ys - d/o J. & S.  
NAIR, Margaret Jane, b. 30 Mar 1819, d. 11 Feb 1900  
BRAKE, Katherine E., d. 7 Feb 1838 - aged 74 ys  
MORRISON, Margaret, d. 3 Jun 1869 - 80 Years of Age - w/o A.  
Morrison  
MORRISON, Sarah J., b. 17 Jan 1830, d. 24 Dec 1900 - w/o J.M.  
MORRISON, James M., b. 17 Sept 1822, d. 10 Mar 1896  
MEANS, Katharine, d. 3 Oct ??? - broken stone  
HACKER, Gideon H., b. 7 Apr 1859, d. 4 Aug 1884 - s/o W.P. & L.\*  
HACKER, Elias H., 2 May 1857, d. 12 Jul 1868 - s/o W.P. & L.\*  
HACKER, Margaret, 24  
14 dys. "Consort of John Hacker. Born in Ireland.  
Came to America 1748."  
HACKER, John, b. 1 Jan 1743, d. 20 Apr 1824. - Aged 81 ys,  
3ms, 9 dys - "Settled on this farm in Wilderness  
1769 Endured innumerable privations by Indian  
Hostilities. Was the first interred in this graveyard."  
LAWSON, Cornelius F., b. 27 Aug 1853, d. 19 Jan 1857 - 3 ys,  
4m, 23 dys - s/o George and Clarendia  
MORRISON, Polly G., b. 17 Sept 1854, d. 30 Mar 1855 - aged  
6 ms, 13 dys - d/o J.B. & P.A.  
MORRISON, Mary, b. 14 Dec ???, d. 3 Aug 1831 - aged 1y, 8ms, 22dys  
d/o Wm. & M.  
HAWKINS, William, d. 5 Feb 1835, aged 26 ys, 11ms, 22 dys  
SMITH, Sarah, d. 23(?) July 1855, Aged 80 ys, 30 ds - w/o David  
SMITH, David, d. 7 Nov 1864, Aged 91 ys, 9 ds  
SMITH, Talitha, b. 13 Apr 1808, d. 13 Apr 1890 - Aged 82 yrs -  
W/o David H.  
SMITH, David H., b. 6 May 1805, d. 28 Apr 1879 - Aged 73 ys,  
11ms, 22 ds  
BONNETT, Margaret, b. 1 Nov. 1826, d. 19 Feb 1917 - w/o S.B.  
BONNETT, S.B., b. 3 Mar 1824, d. 5 Jan 1877, aged 52 ys, 10ms, 2ds  
BATTEN, Nancy, b. 8 May 1815, d. 9 Nov 1889 - aged 74 ys, 7ms, 1d  
w/o Richard  
BATTEN, Richard, b. 11 July 1812, d. 16 Feb 1903  
BATTEN, Sarah, b. 18 Sept 1851, d. 1 Oct 1927 "Erected by L.M.  
Bonnett"  
GORDON, Infant, d. Sept 1866 - d/o J.F. & M.C.  
GORDON, Francis, d. 1865 - aged 11m 10 d, d/o J.F. & M.C.  
BONNETT, Infant Son, d. 1868  
BONNETT, William J., d. 18 May 1864 - aged 3y, 11ms, 5 ds -  
s/o E.H. & E.  
BONNETT, David S., d. 19 May 1864 - aged 7ys, 11ms, 11 ds -  
s/o H.R. & S.  
BONNETT, Sarah, b. 11 Sept 1804, d. 16 Jul 1835 - aged 30 ys,  
10 ms, 5 ds - w/o H.R.  
BONNETT, Mary, b. 4 Nov 1808, d. 26 Jan 1873 - aged 64 ys, 2ms,  
22 ds - w/o H.R.

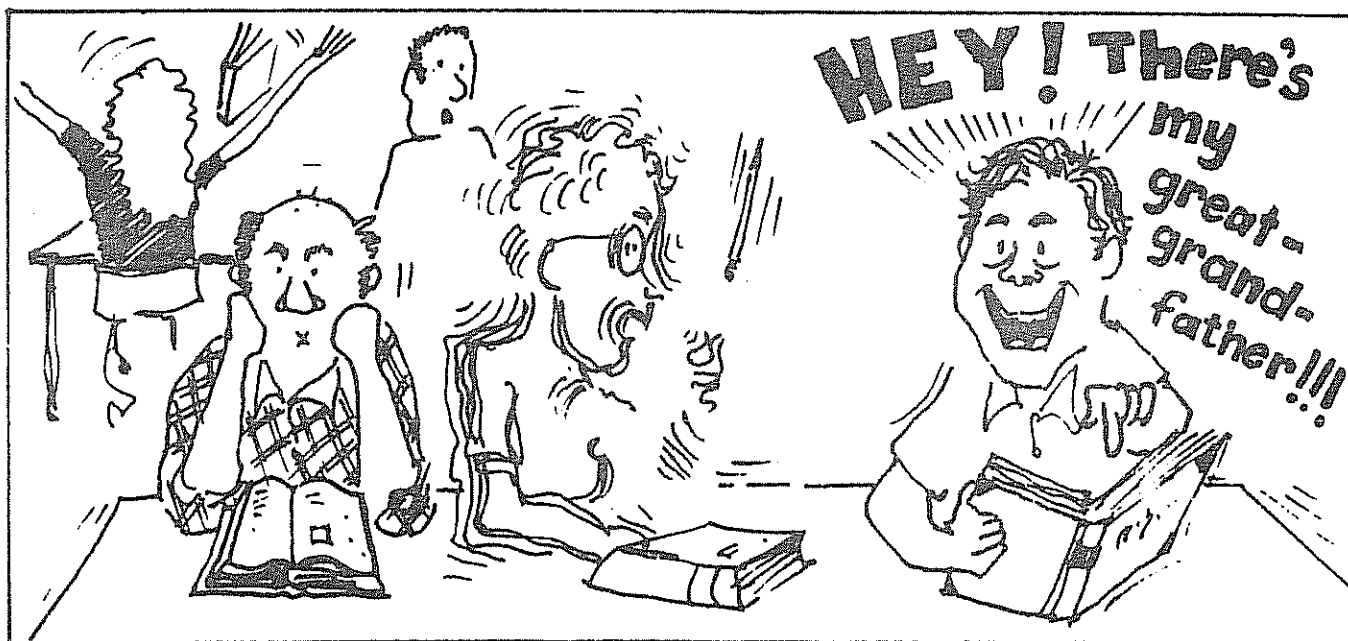
\*These dates are believed to be incorrect.

Morrison Cemetery - cont.

BONNETT, Henry R., b. 4 Dec 1798, d. 7 Feb 1877 - aged 78 ys,  
2ms, 3 ds  
BONNETT, Martha R., b. 1 May 1827, d. 1 Apr 1878 - aged 40 ys,  
11 ms - d/o H.R. & M.  
BONNETT, Bridget, b. 27 Feb 1808, d. 10 Jul 1837 - aged 29 ys,  
4m, 13 ds - w/o John  
BONNETT, John, b. 25 Dec 1797, d. 2 Sept 1867 - aged 70 ys, 8m, 10d  
HERSMAN, E.J., b. 28 Mar 1863, d. 16 Jul 1865 - d/o M. & M.  
HERSMAN, P.W., b. 24 July 1872, d. 22 Feb 1873 - s/o M. & M.  
HERSMAN, J. B., b. 5 Feb 1867, d. 12 Mar 1867 - s/o M. & M.  
BENNETT, Ora, b. 8 Nov 1885, d. 10 Nov 1885 - d/o W.B. & A.V.  
STARCHER, Harriet J., b. 6 Sept 1856, d. 7 Oct 1862 - aged  
6ys, 1m, 1 d. - d/o J. & J.  
STARCHER, Edwin S., b. 25 May 1837, d. 1 Dec 1838 - aged 1 y, 6m,  
7 ds - s/o J. & J.  
HINZMAN, Mary E., d. 7 Dec 1862 - aged 11 dys - d/o A. & F. (?)  
STARCHER, Julia A., b. 11 Jan 1816, d. 2 Dec 1865 - aged  
49 ys, 10m, 22 ds - w/o John, d/o Peter and Susanna  
Swisher  
STARCHER, John, b. 6 Jan 1812, d. 4 Nov 1889 - aged 77 ys, 9m,  
28 ds.  
HERSMAN, Polly, d. 4 Aug 1853 - aged 62 ys, 4ms, 19 d. -w/o Mark  
BORAM, G. W., b. 1824, d. 1865 - Co. D 15th W. Va. Inf. (Civil War)  
STARCHER, Maryan, b. 16 June 1842, d. 18 Apr 1869 - aged 26 ys,  
10ms, 2ds - d/o John and J.  
BORAM, A. G., b. 1847, d. 1871 - Co. D. 15th W. Va. Inf.  
HINZMAN, Joseph L., d. 8 Jul 1864, aged 1 y, 1m, 13 d - s/o J.D.&M.  
HINZMAN, Olive C., d. 23 June 1864, aged 1y, 3d - d/o J.D. & M.E.  
HINZMAN, Alvin D., d. 12 Aug 1859 - aged 11m, 19 ds - s/o J.D. & M.E.  
BORAM, Addison, d. 13 Jul 1873 - aged 88 ys, 1m, 2ds  
SNODGRASS, Sarah A., b. 26 Dec 1868, d. 9 May 1897 - w/o W.G.  
SWISHER, Margaret, b. 25 Oct 1813, d. 17 June 1899 - w/o L.D.  
SWISHER, Lewis D., b. 12 May 1809, d. 28 Apr 1896  
HINZMAN, Priscilla, d. 1 Aug 1874 - aged 34 ys, 8ms, 1d - w/o A.  
STARCHER, Louisa, b. 23 Sept 1835, d. 28 Mar 1881 - aged 45 ys,  
6ms, 5 ds, d/o J. & J. A.  
OUTRIGHT, Albert, b. 31 Dec 1884, d. 28 Feb 1885 - s/o D. & S.  
SWISHER, Madie, b. 1 Sept 1892, d. 28 May 1894 - d/o I.M. & F. C.  
ALLMAN, Catherine, b. 29 Nov 1835, d. 22 Oc 1912 - w/o Isaac  
ALLMAN, Isaac M., d. 4 Apr 1891 - aged 56 ys, 5m, 17 ds  
GASTON, Sarah A., d. 23 June 1868, aged 31 ys, 10m, 11 ds - w/o A.I.  
ALLMAN, Margaret E., d. 18 Mar 1869 - aged 1y, 2ms, 25 ds  
d/o I.M. & C.  
MORRISON, Polly A., d. 14 Jul 1876 - aged 55 ys, 11m, 11 ds  
HERSMAN, Fulton, b. 1870 d. 1893  
HERSMAN, Rachel, d. 25 Nov 1879 - aged 52 ys, 9m, 11 ds - w/o J.B.  
HERSMAN, Austin, b. 1859, d. 1912  
MORRISON, Mary, d. 21 Sept 1873 - aged 74 ys, 2m, 10 ds - w/o Wm.  
MORRISON, William, d. 14 Apr 1883 - aged 88 ys, 10 ms, 20 ds  
MORRISON, Hester A., d. 5 Dec 1894 - aged 61 ys, 6 ds - d/o Wm.  
& Mary  
MORRISON, Alexander M., d. 19 Apr 1907 - aged 75 ys, 6m, 23 ds  
MORRISON, MOBRA, b. 23 June 1859, d. 9 Nov 1881 - w/o W.B.  
BONNETT, George Henry, b. 11 Oct 1853, d. 16 Jan 1917  
BONNETT, Mary C., b. 12 Feb 1853, d. 19 Jan 1900 - w/o G.H.

Morrison Cemetery - cont.

BONNETT, George H., d. 20 Jan 1893 - aged 10ms, 10 ds - s/o G.H.&M.  
BONNETT, Wade, d. 22 Jul 1881, aged 1y, 3ms, 5 ds - s/o G.H. & M.  
BONNETT, Glenn, b. 4 Dec 1884, d. 26 Dec 1922  
BONNETT, Elias H., b. 21 Sept 1826, d. 14 Aug 1904  
BONNETT, Elizabeth, b. 16 Sept 1831, d. 26 Sept 1885 - w/o Elias H.  
BONNETT, Estella, b. 13 Sept 1865, d. 2 Sept 1905  
BONNETT, Mary J., b. 29 Sept 1851, d. 25 Sept 1927  
BONNETT, Gertrude, b. 13 Mar 1863, d. 8 May 1929  
BONNETT, Sarah, d. 16 Jul 1835, aged 32 ys, 10m, 5 ds  
PROBST, Delle, d. 15 Aug 1905 - aged 24 ys, 3ms, 7 ds - w/o Vernon  
LAWSON, Hanson Goff, b. 29 Apr 1887, d. 30 Apr 1887 - s/o T.B.&M.L.  
LAWSON, Joseph S., b. 20 Sept 1825, d. 8 Nov 1884 - aged 59 ys,  
1m, 19 ds  
LAWSON, Prof. H.C., b. 4 June 1848, d. 6 Jan 1882 - aged 33 ys,  
7ms, 2 ds  
MC WHORTER, Scott, d. 29 Mar 1873, aged 2 ys, 4ms, 15 ds -  
s/o W.M. & G.H.  
MORRISON, Barbara L., b. 11 Feb 1858, d. 8 May 1890 - aged  
32 ys, 3ms, 26 ds - w/o I.E.  
DAVISON, George W., b. 1853, d. 1889  
DAVISON, Katharine R., b. 1855, d. 1887



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- Cartoonist Unknown  
Submitted by Raymond Wolfe, Jr.

project she undertakes. She is one of those responsible for the statue "Lincoln Walks at Midnight" on the Capitol Grounds in Charleston. However, Helen (like your HDP) tends to be a bit scatter-brained at times. Who cares if there's Christmas shopping to be done and a birthday present to be bought before the stores close at 5? There's a roll of 1926 newspaper microfilm to be read - and what's more important - why the microfilm, of course. But then, most of you probably know how Helen is - she's one of US - A GENEALOGY NUT. This description of Helen will help you understand how, on a summer eveing in 1982, Helen reacted when Juanita came to the door and said, "There's a cemetery up . . . Wanta' come along?" Plop! went the spatula in the skillet, out went the fire, and down the road went Helen and Juanita. (Poor Sam! No supper again tonight!)

While I could finish this story, I think you'll enjoy it much more, if I let you hear it from Helen's typewriter as she described it to me in a letter last May.

"I had begun to think I was becoming prematurely senile until I met Juanita. I soon discovered, altho somewhat younger, she had many of the same traits. The first time I went anywhere with her she left her lights on all day on the car and we had to call a garage to come recharge her battery before we could get home. Then she drove with an expired inspection sticker for over 3 months before discovering it had run out. (Luckily she wasn't apprehended.)

"Yesterday evening (after I got back from Buckhannon) she and I went far up into the hills to check out a little forsaken cemetery with stones all broken or fallen over and practically buried in the soil (and cow manure). It was overgrown with the stickiest briars I have ever encountered and the weeds were waist high. To get there we had to drive through private property. She had been there before and the man who owned the place had unlocked the latch on the big gate and let her go through. (The cemetery was miles from the gate - right through a cow pasture.)

"Last evening the gate was open and we did not see anyone around so we just drove through. It was practically dark when we came back and what a mess we were; beaten and battered by the limbs of dead trees, scratched from head to foot by the briars of blackberries and wild rose vines, bitten by every insect known and some of the ants were still with us. We had run out of white chalk and used blue (whick does a better job than white) and we had blue chalk dust all over what was left of us. I might add that we were exhausted as well. Now comes the punch line!

"Approaching the big gate we had come through

we discovered to our horror it was closed and locked. There was not a human being in sight and there was no way that we could climb the gate or get through the fence that was attached on both sides. By that time it was practically dark for we had stayed until we could no longer see the dim inscriptions on the old stones. There was nothing to do but blow and blow the horn. I'm glad her car's battery was good. We might have spent the night in the old graveyard among the ghosts and the 17 year locusts. Speaking of ghosts, one of the women buried there was said to have been a witch and after hearing the story at school some kids had gone to the cemetery and vandalized the grave - breaking the headstone into pieces. (Juanita and I put it back together like a jig-saw puzzle, but only to enable us to read it . . we had no way of repairing it.)

"To bring my story to a close, and this much too lengthy letter, we eventually got the attention of a boy who went to the home of the proprietor of the land and got the keys to unlock the gate. Maybe as time goes by it will seem like a funny experience but right now all I have to say is that I hope we learned a lesson. Never go through a gate you aren't sure will be open when you return."

I think enough time has passed that this episode in the lives of Helen and Juanita has become funny even to them. And, I hope they'll forgive me for telling. It's these little stories that will make our lives more real to our descendants three and four and more generations down the road.

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Our membership has grown by leaps and bounds since the publication of the last quarterly. Names not previously published include:

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The LINGER Family Connection with Hackers Creek Community  
by Hartzel G. Strader

Nicholas LINGER I and wife Margaret McNEMAR may be considered transients to the Hackers Creek Community, but certainly left their mark, as three daughters and a son married into families earlier established there. Mary the oldest daughter married 5 April 1804 Lewis BONNETT, later settling on Little Skin Creek near the mouth of Curtis Run in Lewis County. About a year later her sister Margaret married Lewis' brother, Peter on 15 March 1805. They were sons of Samuel and Mary Elizabeth (LORENTZ) BONNETT. Peter and Margaret BONNETT later established their home where in more recent times is known as the Porter WEST farm in Vandalia, Lewis County across the valley from the Vandalia Cemetery. SEE PAGE 25  
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A third daughter, Sarah married 26 Feb 1812, Phillip M. BONNETT, believed to be a nephew of the other two. It is believed this couple remained in the community. The son of Nicholas I and Margaret LINGER who married in the community was Nicholas II who married 5 April 1814 to Elizabeth SANCE (? SEENEZ, SENSE) a daughter of Henry SANCE. Evidently Elizabeth died within a year after marriage, as Nicholas II married 11 Aug 1815, Catherine PETERSON, widow of Ezekiel PETERSON and daughter of John DOLLY.

Family tradition has it that Nicholas LINGER I was associated with the Hessian Army, imported to fight the Colonists. He was too young to be in the army and to get away from a stern and mean father, he stowed aboard ship with his brother Thomas who was a regular soldier. Further tradition has it Nicholas was a drummer boy, possibly in both Hessian and the Continental Armies with his brother. If we lay family traditions aside and try to court document, we find LINGER and McNEMAR families in the Mifflin and York County area of Pennsylvania in the 1700s, but we so far fail to find proof linking them with Nicholas and Margaret (McNEMAR) LINGER.

The first document we find of them is Hardy County, W.Va. land deed in Volume 2 page 52, dated 12 April 1790; John HARRISS and Judy his wife of Hardy County, Virginia to Nicholas LINGERMAN of Hampshire County, Virginia, of 60 acres corner to Philip McNAMER. This land was sold 5 Oct 1803 by Nicholas and Margaret his wife per Volume 5 page 146 to Christopher MARTIN. It further describes the location of the land as being in the Knobly Mountains.

The October 1803 deed in Hardy County, plus the April 1804 marriage date in Harrison County of daughter Mary provides the indication of the LINGER family arrival into the Hacker Creek area. A search of the Harrison County land deeds does not turn up a date earlier than 15 Dec 1810 per Volume 9 pg 405 of William COTTRILL and wife Rachel of Harrison County to Nicholas LINGER of Harrison County. The transaction was \$500 for 200 acres located on Bonnett's Run, a branch of Hackers Creek, crossing the run. This deed being recorded seven years after apparent arrival, may indicate Nicholas was paying on a mortgage during that time. The land was sold 4 July 1815 as shown in Volume 13 page 180 as Nicholas LINGER and Peggy his wife of Harrison County to Martin and John LIFE of Harrison County, \$1 for 200 acres on Bonnett's Run, a branch of Hackers Creek. It has not been fully searched to determine the reason for so low a monetary figure for that much land. We can only guess at this point of research that Nicholas

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was indebted to the LIFEs ora parcel of property was traded even for another and required a dollar to legally close the deal.

Modern maps do not show a Bonnetts Run, so we suspected a name change. Since Nicholas and Margaret sold the property to the LIFEs, the most logical present day name would be Life's Run. A search of the Lewis County deeds provided the answer in Volume R pages 228 and 270 when John LIFE deeded land to sons Noah and Samuel on Life Run and in parenthesis stated "formerly Bonnetts Run". The records were not searched to present owner, as it was felt not necessary as there is a large brick house on that Run that is at least 100 years old, known as the Life House. It can be seen along Interstate 79 having three dormers in the roof, located about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles from Jane Lew. Thus we conclude this to be the original LINGER family location in the Hacker Creek Valley.

Nicholas and Margaret relocated at the head of the right fork of Stonecoal Creek, near the Upshur County line. The Stonecoal Lake waters cover all the bottom land of the family farm. Here Nicholas died in 1819, based on inventory of his property as recorded in Lewis County clerk's office. Margaret died in 1827 and both buried in the cemetery on the farm. There are many sandstone markers without any ciphers, indicating several relatives and neighbors may be buried there. This also may have been the Hopewell Church cemetery. The Linger Family Reunion erected a large red granite marker in memory about the year 1936. The following is the inscription:

LINGER  
In Memory of

Nicholas D. & Margaret McNemar Linger  
Immigrant parents of the Linger Family  
Nicholas D. Linger born 1758  
He came to America at an early age  
was a soldier in the Revolutionary War  
married Margaret McNemar 1785  
was a hatter by trade  
Spent his last years on his farm  
The valley around this monument  
and died in the year 1827

Evidently the death date of 1827 is in reference to Margaret's death.

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1. Need inf. on SUSANNAH FLESHER, b. ca 15 Jan 1803; m. 9 Aug 1825 Harrison Co., (W)Va., to WILLIAM HICKMAN, b. ca 21 Jan 1800. Wit.(or did they post a marriage bond?) listed as JOSEPH BAILEY & WILLIAM HICKMAN. BENNETT BOWLES officiated. ELIZABETH TOWNE SCHMITT, 1100 Joyce Ave., Rolla, MO 65401.
2. Any inf. possible parents of THOMAS JAMES HARDMAN b. 25 Jan 1819 in Va. m. MARY ANN JAYNES 1837 in Ind. He d. 27 Jan 1911 Milton, Ia. SANDRA MCINTIRE, NAVSTA Box 500, Philadelphia, PA 19112.
3. Need inf. NANCY LEWIS b. 10 Aug 1802 m. ELIJAH FLESHER 9 Jan 1821. She d. 23 Apr 1884, bur. Machpelah Cem., Weston, Lewis Co., W. Va. Marriage bond in Harrison Co. states Nancy was ward of CHARLES LEWIS. Mrs. KENNETH STALMAKER, Rt. 3 Box 89 R, Weston, W. Va. 26452. Ph. 304-269-3121.
4. JACOB WOLFE, b. 1755, d. 1823, m. ANNA STRALEY. Marriage date and place? Children's names, birth and death dates, and spouses? ANNA STRALEY's parents? I have two deed for Jacob and Anna in Lewis Co. - will share. RAYMOND WOLFE, Jr., Rt. 1 Box 150, French Creek, W. Va. 26218.
5. GEORGE STRALEY (1770-1846) m. (1) ELIZABETH BONNETT (1772-1824) (2) MARGARET ROBY. m. Nov. 1828 in Lewis County. Margaret living 1880 census w/ WILLIAM F. & LUCRETIA (STRALEY) HACKER. She was 78. Need Margaret's parents, birthdate and deathdate. Mrs. C.H. GILCHRIST, 2863 Farmington Circle SW, Canton, OH 44706.
6. Seek inf. WILLIAM WAGGONER, s/o PETER & CATHERINE (HARDMAN) (HYDE) WAGGONER. William b. ca1816, m. NANCY ANN BALL, d. after 1910? SUSANNAH RICHARDS, ward of JOHN RUNYON, 2nd w/o JOHN WAGGONER, date of birth, death and parents? Were the Indian children of PETER WAGGONER ever found? Did Peter and Catherine have two daughters? CRIS WAGONER, 2060 West 41st St., Casper, WY 82604.
7. I have a copy of the marriage of ROBERT LOWTHER and AQUILLA REECE, First Presby. Church, Phila., 20 Feb 1736. How can be sure this is Col. WM. LOWTHER's parents? Sure he was s/o Robert, need legal proof mother Aquilla Reese, same Quaker girl who m. Robert. Was Robert of Plumbstead Co., Pa., same one who migrated to Jane Lew. Margie Lowther Keiffer, PO Box 164, Enterprise, WV

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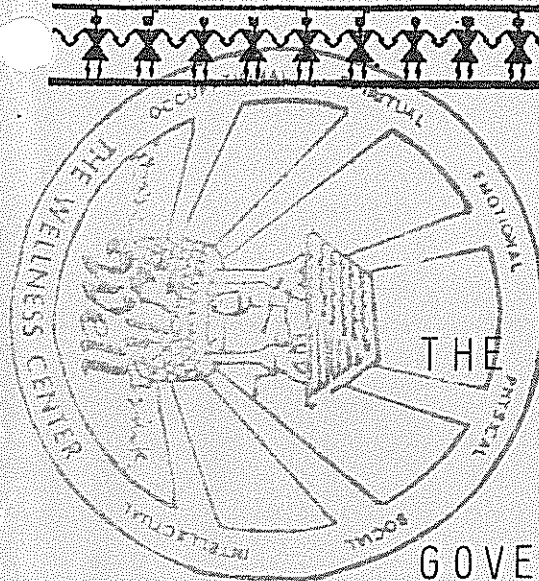
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